THE FREEMAN WANTS HONEST, ENERGETIC AND HUSTLING AGENTS EVERYWHERE. YOU CAN MAKE MONEY REPRESENTING THE FREEMAN. WRITE TO-DAY FOR TERMS

AND ETHIOPIA SHALL STRETCH FORTH HER HAND

The Freeman
A NATIONAL ILLUSTRATED COLORED NEWSPAPER

Public Library 1-09
MAR 11 1909
PUBLIC

VOL. XXIII.
NUMBER 11

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1910.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.
SINGLE COPY—SIX MONTHS, 85C; ONE YEAR, $1.50.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE PETER OGDEN DAY

GREAT WORK OF FOUNDER EXTOLLED

Attorney Scipio A. Jones Out for Big Plum—J. C. Napier Sure to Land Something Fat—General Notes.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—For the first time in many years "Peter Ogden Day" was celebrated by the full strength of the Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the District of Columbia. Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, one of the largest auditoriums in the city, was well filled on Tuesday evening, March 1, to hear eloquent tributes to the founder of Odd Fellowship in America, delivered by some of the most famous orators of the race. The great work of Peter Ogden was extolled and the remarkable development of the order for which he sacrificed so much was brought out in bold relief. The "three links" and the principles for which they stand were eulogized, and there was enthusiasm galore throughout the evening, every "hearty Odd Fellow" catching the spirit of the occasion and assisting to make the welkin ring.

The church was beautifully decorated with the national colors, tastefully draped, and the platform was a bower of flowers, palms and potted plants abounding in rich profusion. The vested choir of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, under the direction of Prof. John T. Layton, gave the stage a picturesque setting and rendered a number of classic selections in magnificent style.

District Grand Master W. L. Pollard, a leading lawyer of the capital, presided and introduced the speakers in fitting language, and called attention to their several achievements in the struggle for racial advancement. The addresses were all adapted to the occasion, and, besides thrilling the Grand Lodge by the recital of the story of the birth of the order on these shores through the manly, persistent and faithful Ogden, they furnished much food for thought along the line of how may the living best preserve and fructify the noble heritage that the departed "fathers in Israel" have entrusted to this generation.

Mr. Thomas H. Wright spoke in detail of the numerical strength of the order, the value of its property holdings, its influence upon the material and spiritual life of the community and its relation to the other great fraternities of the District. He told of the methods by which the Odd Fellows Hall Association had cleared the massive $75,000 home of the order from a heavy debt, and brought down the house when he said that Washington, the capitol of the nation, with its intelligence and wealth, had tried to set an example in thrift, industry and brotherly co-operation, which, if followed by the brethren everywhere, would produce golden results. Mr. Wright's address was liberally applauded.

Mr. Wright, P. M. V. P., is president of the Odd Fellows Hall Association, ex-district grand master and one of the ablest financiers and executive officers in the country. He is mentioned by a host of friends for national grand master of the order, and may allow the use of his name at the B. M. C. in September.

Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, former counsel at Tamatave, Madagascar, "the race's grand old man," took note of the tremendous moral force exausted by Odd Fellowship, pointing out further advantages that might be reaped if there is solidarity throughout the order in matters affecting the political and commercial status of our people. Rev. I. N. Ross, pastor of the church, emphasized the crying need today of the manhood and uncompromising demand for fair play, represented in the life of Peter Ogden, and besecched the men now following in the footsteps of Ogden to accept nothing short of absolute equality of opportunity, equality of citizenship, equality before the law. Hon. W. T. Vernon, register of the treasury, added to his already brilliant reputation as an orator in an irresistible plea for a keener sense of unity, of brotherly love and mutual sympathy and support in every walk of life, and urged his hearers to hold up the hands of the men of the race and nation who are trying to do something worth while. Mrs. M. A. Parker, grand worthy superior of the Household of Ruth, showed in vivid colors the work the women are doing to advance the cause of th fraternity, and pledged her band to continue to sound the clarion note: "Entreat me not to leave thee, nor cease from following after thee, etc., made historic by theoriginal "Ruth."

Rev. M. W. D. Norman, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, delivered the opening prayer and Rev. W. J. Howard, pastor of Zion Baptist Church, pronounced the benediction. Charles S. Hill, district grand secretary, read the proclamation and Prof. William Braxton presided at the orgon and rendered a voluntary. On the platform, besides the speakers and presiding officers, were Charles H. Harris, D. D. G. M.; H. W. Honesty, D. G. treasurer; J. C. Pollard, D. G. director; Miss Fannie Powell, D. M. N. G., and R. W. Thompson, representing the press of the nation. Patriarchie No. 4 and Patriarchie No. 18 attended in full uniform and the entire Grand Lodge wore their full dress regalia and symbols.

The chairmen of the various committees were as follows: Executive, District Grand Lodge No. 20, W. L. Pollard; executive, District Household of Ruth No. 1, Miss Fannie Powell; arrangements, W. L. Pollard; reception, R. K. Washington; churches, George M. Cook; hall, L. S. Dove; speakers, David Warner; music, Sister M. J. Douglass; printing, Sister Lillian Ford; decoration, C. P. Walker; refreshments, W. E. Wills.

Following the exercises at the Metropolitan Church a reception was held at Odd Fellows Hall, 1608 M street, N. W., which was highly enjoyable.

* * *

The Brownsville inquiry is at an end. The court is now making up its report, to be submitted to Congress early in April. The present indications are that the findings will not be favorable to the reinstatement of the accused soldiers.

* * *

"Wilberforce Night" at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, last night was one of the biggest events that Washington has ever known. President Taft delivered an address that will attract international attention. Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, shared honors with the Chief Executive of the nation.

* * *

It is given out, with a considerable show of confidence, that Mr. J. C. Napier, of Nashville, Tenn., is "sure to land something fat." Just what is in the wind the deponent sayeth not. A dispatch went out of Washington last week to the effect that Mr. Napier is heartily backed by his entire state delegation in Congress and by Secretary of War Dickinson.

* * *

A paragraph in the Cleveland Journal says:

"Hon. Jere A. Brown is going to Washington in a few days to protest to President Taft against what he considers an injustice. He has been relegated from the position of United States immigrant inspector at $1,800 to the position of messenger at $800 in the same department. Mr. Brown says: 'You can bet your life $1,000 is quite a drop'."

* * *

Another eminent barrister in the city is Mr. Scipio A. Jones, of Little Rock, Ark., who is said to be an aspirant for one of the biggest plums within the gift of the administration. Mr. Jones was a Taft man early in the game and helped to solidify the state of Arkansas for the Ohioan. He stands well at the bar, is president of the Arkansas State Negro Business League and has the respect and confidence of the people in his bailiwick. Mr. Jones is a political quantity to be reckoned with.

* * *

Mr. Lewis E. Johnson, secretary of the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A., is at home again from Cleveland, Ohio, where he has been assisting the white Y. M. C. A. of that city in a campaign to raise a half-million dollars for the benefit of the work. He was there also to study campaign methods, and expects to put into operation, at an early date, some of the plans which he mastered while in Cleveland. Steps are to be taken to secure several substantial conditional donations to furnish a basis for another strenuous campaign for funds. The immense building now under roof on Twelfth street must be finished, and at least $50,000 will be needed to equip it and put it into condition for occupancy Mr. Johnson and Dr. Moorland are confident that the money can be ultimately raised. "Where there's a will there's a way."

* * *

The Washington Commercial Council held an important meeting last Monday night at the True Reformers' Hall. Architect J. A. Lankford presided and Samuel T. Henry acted as secretary. A special committee was designated to push the passage of the measure for a semi-centennial exposition in 1913, now pending in Congress, and the appointment of a permanent committee on law and legislation was authorized. Provision was made for standing committees on public health, public education, reclamation of Anacostia Flats, ways and means, business industries, new enterprises, etc. A working agreement between the Council and the National Negro Press Association was entered into upon the suggestion of President R. W. Thompson of the latter organization. The Washington American was endorsed as a fine example of a clean race journal, and it was recommended to the patronage of the best citizens of Washington. Honorary membership was conferred as follows:

Rev. W. L. Taylor, Grand Master of True Reformers, Richmond, Va.; Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Banks, Mound Bayou, Miss.; M. M. Lewey, editor Florida Sentinel, Pensacola, Fla.; Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., editor Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. L. Houston, Grand Master G. U. O. of O. F., Chicago, Ill.; George L. Knox, editor The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.; E. A. Johnson, New York City; J. H. Murphy, editor Afro-American Ledger, Baltimore, Md.; P. H. Murray, editor The Advance, St. Louis, Mo.; W. H. O. Ennis, Delaware City, Del.; Albert S. White, Louisville, Ky.

* * *

The Age reaches its top-note of incipient "insurgency" when, in an editorial on "The Coming Elections," it has the following to say:

"There are from forty to fifty congressional districts in the United States in which the Negro clearly holds the balance of power.

"In this we are not referring to the South, where the Negro vote is not counted to any extent, but to districts in the North and West, as well as districts in the border states, such as Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri. We are constantly hearing from Negro voters in these districts. The question is being constantly asked how the Negro should cast his vote, whether for a Democratic member of Congress or for a Republican member of Congress. We have tried, as best we could, to counsel our people to stick by the Republican party; we still are doing so, but the administration and its friends should understand that so far very little has been done for the Negro.

"Mr. Taft ought not be surprised if he finds unrest and lack of confidence existing among the mass of voters in these doubtful districts. The friends of the administration should not be surprised if a large part of the Negroes determine to cast their votes for Democratic candidates for Congress."

In a vein of fine sarcasm the Age concludes:

"Of course, the Republicans may gain enough districts in the South to counterbalance the loss of Republican districts in the North. Unless this should occur, we fear that the present unrest among Negro voters in doubtful districts will result in turning the House of Representatives over to the Democrats."

There now! What does it all mean? Are we face to face with a siege of Negro insurgents? Are we on the brink of a political cataclysm? The issues and the general unrest among the local wise acres, in office and out, are accentuating the feverish gossip of the day, and leading the wayfaring man to ask "whither are we drifting?"

* * *

Editor W. D. Johnson is hard at work in the general land office preparing his data bearing upon the cases he will be required to take care of in the field. No announcement is made as to how long he will be here. No secret is being made of the fact, however, that a better place is being carved out for Mr. Johnson, which will allow him to remain in Washington all the time. Mr. Johnson is "sawing wood," and permitting the other fellows to do all the worrying. His present salary is said to be $2,500, with expenses paid when away from headquarters. In the event of Mr. Johnson's assignment to a local berth, it is stated that he will launch a vigorous administration paper here—one that will make the race journals of the whole country "sit up and take notice." As Washington has but one colored newspaper of consequence, there is plenty of room for another.

N. W. Magowan, editor of the Mt. Sterling (Ky.) Reporter, prior to the appointment of Mr. Johnson, had this to say of him in the Lexington Leader, a white daily:

"When nearly every representative Negro in this country was arrayed, both heart and hand, against the nomination of Mr. Taft, Johnson, like brave Leonidas at the Pass of Thermopylae, stood firm in his support of Mr. Taft for President. He did not 'play both ends against the middle,' but came out boldly and declared for William Howard Taft. We feel that for such a stand, in the face of opposition, both from without and from within, that he is fairly entitled to a substantial political reward. Mr. Johnson is qualified to fill any position that may be given him by the administration. He is an honored Christian gentleman and has the courage of his convictions. He has always been a staunch Republican, and one of the acknowledged leaders of his race.

"Not only did Mr. Johnson spend his time and influence in the recent campaign, but out of his very limited means he spent liberally. For truth and veracity, he has no superior, and few equals. As a writer, he is profound in his thinking and logical in his expressions. His arguments in behalf of Republican principles are always strong and forceful."

Mr. Johnson is mingling freely with the masses here and is making an excellent impression upon all with whom he come into contact.

* * *

Political gossip is still at a fever heat. Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson had to go to Mount Airy, N. C., last week to argue an important law case before Judge Emory A. Speer of the United States Court, but is back again and is hobnobbing with the existing "black cabinet" like an old member. He is wearing his new-found honors easily, and it looks as if the toga will fit like a glove. The discord hinted at by the gossips, by reason of the slight change in the cabinet "line-up," has not materialized, and there is no semblance as yet of a clash of "machines."

The only episode of particular significance is the note of warning sounded in the current issue of the New York Age. Although the tone is well modulated, and can scarcely be termed a "bolt," the warning bears the ear-marks of earnestness, and there is something firm about it that the folks hereabouts are asking their neighbors, "What does it all mean?" Especially surprising is the tenor of the letters and editorial hitting at the Taft policies, because, up to this time, the Age has been the chief drummer in the pro-Taft brigade band. One letter, carried under a Washington date line, says:

"Since President Taft assumed office a year ago, month after month word has been given out by those who are supposed to know that the Negro voters would soon be 'properly taken care of.' However, among the many important appointments made up to date not a Negro has been fortunate to be numbered in the list. Thus murmurings of discontent from members of the race throughout the United States."

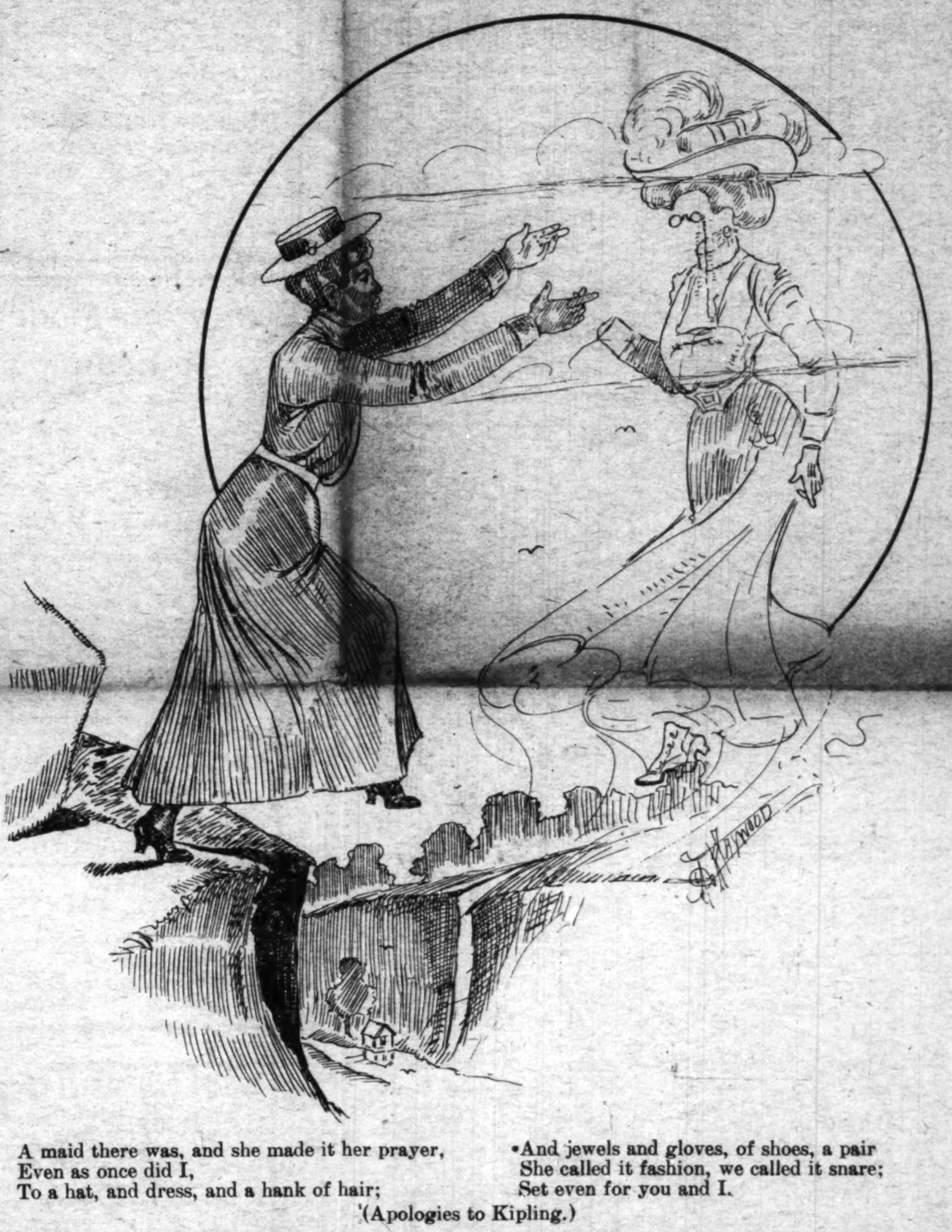
Another letter bearing a Washington postmark discounts the importance of the appointment given Mr. Nelson Crews—that of special agent of the Agricultural Department, and inferentially criticising some of the colored papers for making much over an honor that dwindles into nothingness when certain facts are brought to light. On this point The Age's correspondent says:

"As a matter of fact, four colored men have been appointed during the past two or three years to similar positions under the Agricultural Department. These positions are not political, and are not paid for wholly by the government of the United States. The funds to provide the salaries come largely from the general education board of New York. The work is simply superintended by the Agricultural Department.

"For nearly two years there have been several Negroes at work, one in Virginia, another at Mound Bayou, Miss.;; another in Wilcox county, Ala.; another in Lee county, Ala., and many others whose names we can not now recall. The salary ranges from $60 to $100 per month."

R. W. THOMPSON.

FEMININE PHANTOM.



A maid there was, and she made it her prayer,
Even as once did I,
To a hat, and dress, and a hank of hair;
And jewels and gloves, of shoes, a pair
She called it fashion, we called it snare;
Set even for you and I.

(Apologies to Kipling.)

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

Special to The Freeman.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Noy Pierson, who was operated on last week for a growth, is much better at this writing....Mrs. Lewis Shoeman, of Winnipeg, arrived in Edmonton last week, where she intends making her future home....Mrs. Winn, of Onaway, Alberta, was in the city last week, visiting her sons, Ralph and Roy....Mr. Alexandria was in the city last week, after being out in the camps, about sixty miles east of here, all winter....Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson have moved to 438 Picard street, where they will be at home at any time....E. C. Rouse, possibly the most prosperous colored farmer in western Canada, was in the city last week, looking the picture of health, and reports all in good condition out his way. Mr. Rouse is from Jarrow, near Entwistle, and quotes that five carloads of people have come to his part already this spring. They are filing an application now to have a school erected in their immediate district....Mrs. Mary Wilson, of St. Paul, writes that she will be in Edmonton within ten days' time....Fred Houston, who has been spending the winter on the coast, has come back to Edmonton, and says that Edmonton is good enough for him....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call at 240 Jasper avenue, East. Phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral services of Clara Scott, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ada Henderson was held recently at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, in charge of Rev. L. E. Christy. She was a bright child, and loved by all who knew her. The funeral was largely attended. She leaves a loving mother, a father, faithful grandmother, and many relatives and friends. Interment was in East Cemetery....A grand reception was given March 3 in honor of Miss Dayse Dean Walker, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Jacob Davis. It was largely attended and many club people attended. Excellent refreshments were served. ....Mrs. Katharine Haithman entertained in honor of Miss Dayse Dean Walker.... Among the sick are Mrs. C. Tinsley, Mrs. M. Thomas and Helen Jones.

DEATH OF MARTHA BOYD COLEMAN.

COLUMBUS, Ind.—Special.—Mrs. Martha Boyd Coleman, aged 67 years, died March 4 of pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks, leaving a husband, two sons and two daughters. Carrie and Mattie, her daughters, live in Indianapolis, and her son James is railroading between Chicago and Cincinnati.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

S. H. DUDLEY PRESENTING HIS HONOR THE BARBER

MAKES BIG HIT IN WEEK'S STAND

New Monthly Publication in the Interest of Public Schools—Prof. Ennis Celebrates Fifty-fourth Birthday Anniversary.

(By CARY B. LEWIS.)

Special to THE FREEMAN:

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 8.—S. H. Dudley, the great colored comedian, enjoys the unique distinction, during the period of his stage career, of developing more successful performs than any other man of his race.

This "price of good fellows," heading the "Smart Set," began a week's engagement at the Avenue Theater last Sunday night, and at this writing there is not a seat left for sale. After Mr. Dudley made his appearance Sunday, backed by such a splendid company, there was a rush for tickets, and now the reply at the box office is "all sold." The production has created immense excitement and amusement among the populace, without regard to race. The show has not only pleased the manager of the local theater from a financial standpoint, but the patrons and press have spoken in praise of Dudley and his successful aggregation

His great song hit, "Come After Breakfast, Bring Your Lunch Along and Leave Before Suppertime," has been the occasion of many recalls, and the old patrons of the theater are [illegible] that is worth coming many miles to hear. On Monday night Mr. Dudley was forced to sing this song for a number of times, and, acting as a musical director, the whole audience joined in with the chorus, and everybody seemed happy in singing the refrain.

The present production is the result of deep and continuous research on the part of Mr. Dudley and his co-laborers, and it is conceded that they have given the public the very best vehicle for the conveyance of Mr. Dudley's peculiar wit and humor. He is getting better and better every year, and his popularity is increasing.

His wit and humor leads one to feel that he is a man of culture and training, and the burnt cork contenance makes one think that surely he is a white man representing a southern "brother."

Mr. Dudley's voice is of that peculiar twang, which, upon a sudden turn of thought, naturally excites the risability of his hearers. His voice, manner and jestures keep the whole house roaring when talking to Patrick, the mule.

The managers have gone to a great deal of expense to bring together his present company, and they far surpass any company that has supported him, notably, in physical appearance, also vocal and dramatic ability. There are good voices in the show. Miss Ella Anderson, the leading soprano singer, has a sweet and charming voice, and her singing is received with warmth and appreciation. And there is Miss Brown, who has a wonderful soprano voice. Last year she was a chorus girl in the "Mr. Loade Of Koal" company, but, given a chance, she has proved a hit. Miss Roper and Miss Ora Dulap are among the others that do fine work in the chorus. Mrs. Dudley is a typical press representative, and Miss Jenie Pearl is as dainty, sweet and pretty as ever. She is quite a singer and dancer. Miss Lottie Grady will take her place next week.

"Boots" Allen and Andrew Tribble are not only favorites here, but al over the country. They are two of the cleverest men in their line on the road. Everybody screams when they are before the head lights. Mr. Lawrence Chenault portrays the character of the captain nicely, while Mr. Ramsey is a typical sport. In fact, Ramsey is the straight man. The rise of Ramsey should be an encouragement to others on the stage. Just last year Mr. Ramsey was a chorus man, but now his name leads them all on the program.

There are fifteen musical hits, with Messrs. Tim Brymn, Smith and Burris as the contributors. The book by Edward Hanford portrays the ambition of a barber to shave the President of the United States. Just a little hard on the barber.

The costumes are especially beautiful, and the vehicle is lavishly staged. The ability and vivacity of the chorus girls is very noticable and pleasing. They have voices of quality and they sing well. The eight young men have fine voices, and this is evidenced in all the chorus work. Tim Brymn is master of the situation as a musical director. There is more class to the show than of previous years, and we doff our hat to Mr. Dudley in going forward rather than standing still.

He is admirably supported by Misses Jennie Hillman, Sarah Venerable, Josephine Lazzo, Rebeca Roper, Ora Dunlap, Tillie Cottman, Marie Henderson, Rozenia Alexander, Irene Tasker, Daisy Brymn, Madeline Cooper, Carrie Anderson, Jesse Harris, Bessie Tribble, Lillie Brown and Blanche Kelly. The men are Matt Johnson, George McClellan, Herbert Amos, James Reed, Ras Jones, Robert Williams, James Lillard, James Harris and John Warren.

Mr. Dudley informs us that he will have two other colored shows on the road next season. He was very busy while in this city signing contracts for the coming season. He is demonstrating that he is not only a comedian, but a theatrical promoter. We wish for him long and continued success. Next week we will write of Mr. Dudley's intimate connection and friendship toward the late J. Ed. Green.

* * *

The Louisville Record is the name of the newspaper that appeared last week, and will be a monthly issue, with Prof. D. L. Lawson, editor, and Prof. W. D. Thomas, managing editor. The paper is published in the interest of the students of the public schools, and the nine princi-

Continued on Page Four.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON

How I Dress My Wife.

I wrote a poem to Lily's eyes—
  That's now my wife's fall hat;
Another one to Cora's smile—
  A dress she made of that.
My wife is named Maria Ann—
  I'm fond of her, O, yes!
But can't turn out a verse to her
  That's suitable for dress.

Now, as she has a need for clothes,
  For stockings, hats, and shoes,
She quite agrees with me that there
  Is not much time to lose;
So down I sit and write all day
  To Maud's and Fanny's curls;
And that's the way I dress my wife—
  On verse to other girls.
—Success Magazine.

* * *

Selfish leadership will not last.

* * *

Brains mixed with courage spell success.

* * *

The merchant who advertises gets the business.

* * *

It is a safe bridge that carries the traveler over.

* * *

Local Negroe Business Leagues should "get busy."

* * *

Timely service is the final test of friendship.

* * *

There are evidences that apolitical storm is breeding.

* * *

The "muckraker" never complains about working overtime.

* * *

Not infrequently peace is secured by a display of weapons of warfare.

* * *

The popularity of the bandwagon does not lessen with a change of drivers.

* * *

It is the exceptional Negro who has not writen, or does not contemplate writing, a book.

* * *

Senator William O. Bradley is a tower of strength to the aspiring colored brother.

* * *

There is a savage satisfaction in the realization that everybody else is miserable, too.

* * *

Industrial training and the higher education sem to have entered into a "working agreement."

* * *

Booker Washington is right. The true function of the physican is to keep people from getting sick.

* * *

The Atlanta Independent is "agin" Harman—both Judson Harmon and ex-Presiding Elder Harmon.

* * *

John C. Dancy has gracefully accepted the presidency of "The Down-and-Out Club." Who will join his band?

* * *

Congressman E. L. Taylor, Jr., says the resolution providing for the 1913 exposition commission is certain to pass.

* * *

The "fine Italian hand" of Postmaster-General Hitchcock is observed in the stiff political game that is now being "pulled off."

* * *

Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson of Georgia faces a majestic opportunity for service. The race is confident that he will "make good."

* * *

When a player looks over his "hand" and finds that he has no "trumps," his natural impulse is to call for a new "deal."

* * *

The beautiful weather of the 4th of March this year may put a crimp in the agitation for a change in the inauguration date.

* * *

Does anybody believe that Bruano Tumbo would allow any such disease as the African "sleeping sickness" to catch him napping.

* * *

The biggest fool is the fellow who attempts to "play both ends against the middle" and imagines he is fooling the people.

* * *

The near-wits have so far refrained from hinting that the administration might be accused of taking on "too much Johnson."

* * *

The giver of a "swell" social function takes his life in his hands when he ventures to publish the names of the invited guests.

* * *

There is no reason why Collector H. A. Rucker should not remain where he is. The best citizens of Atlanta, white and black, are for him.

* * *

A noisy braggart can pass muster with the crowd as a great man—for a while—but real merit and patient industry come to their own in the end.

* * *

There is a driving force in the philosophy of "Sis Hopkins," that "It ain't no sense in doin' nuthin' for nobody what won't do nuthin' fer you."

* * *

President Taft says the Negro needs more industrial schools to train the hands of the masses and more colleges to develop intellectual leaders.

* * *

The standing of Mississippi in the eyes of the country has taken a decidedly upward trend since she turned down Jim Var Lamon's aspirations for the senate.

* * *

George Washington's memory looms larger in the Negro's esteem since it has generally become known that at heart he was opposed to the American slave system.

* * *

The Washington Commercial Council is making a "hit" in business circles at the nation's capital. Architect J. A. Lankford is a hustler, and enjoys the confidence of the people who are worth while.

* * *

The youngest old man in the country is Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs of Arkansas and Washington—jurist, diplomat, orator, traveler and political—nearing his 90th milestone, he is indeed the race's "grand old man."

* * *

Sensible education is the kind that fits its possessor into the environment in which he must live and labor, and inspires him to bring it up to the standard set by his own ideals.

* * *

There's lot of good sound common sense in the speeches Bishop E. W. Lampton is delivering to his conferences in the South. As a leader the eminent Mississippian is "safe and sane."

* * *

It is a compliment to some newspapers to sue them for libel. It is an acknowledgment that they wield some influence and indicates that you suspect them of having enough real money to satisfy a possible judgment.

* * *

Prof. Kelly Miller, the tireless dean of the College of Arts and ciences of Howard University, has no pier in any race in this country as a clear thinker and unbiased analyst of existing political, sociological, educational and industrial problems of the day.

* * *

Hold up the hands of President Taft. He is wrestling with a multitude of big tasks, and is conferring benefits upon all elements in a large way. If all of us cannot secure individual satisfaction let us rest assured that he is honestly doing the best he can. Angels can do no more.

* * *

The appointment of Editor W. D. Johnson seems to have simply whetted the Kentucky appetite for official "pie." Counsellor Albert S. White and Dr. E. E. Underwood have stripped for action, and the President is apt to be told a few things that may furnish food for reflection.

* * *

Grand Master W. M. Alexander, Little Rock's enterprising and energetic organizer and lecturer, is making the Masonic Templars one of the strongest Negro secret societies in the country. Mr. Alexander avers that its name is its own exclusive property, and any white man who appropriates it will be prosecuted to the full extent o fthe law.

* * *

Rev. I. N. Ross, the scholarly pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Washington, D. C., pointing out the economic development of the Negro since emancipation, estimates the per capita wealth of the race at $1, based upon a population in excess of 12,000,000. Pretty good far a people that some folks said would starve to death under freedom.

* * *

The National Negro Press Association is approved by every journal in the land whose opinion is worth while. Such an organization furnishes a centray rallying-point toward which the Negro editor, correspondent, publisher or journalistic worker of every type may bend his steps for inspiration, information, consultation and brotherly co-operation. Let us hold up its hands.

* * *

President Albert I. White of the National Bar Association is getting things in shape for a fine convention next August in New York. He is in receipt of many letters from leading barristers all over the country, assuring him of their hearty sympathy with the movement and promising co-operation. Counsellor White stands in the front rank as a lawyer and race leader, and the Bar Association chose wisely when they placed him at the head of their splendid organization.

* * *

The personnel of the semi-centeninal exposition commission will be determined when the bill creating it becomes a law. Among the very competent colored men suggested for membershin is this important body are: Dr. R. H. Boyd of Nashville, Tenn.; M. M. Lewey of Pensacola, Fla.; T. J. Calloway of Washington, D. C.; Dr. C. F. Walker of Augusta, Ga.; Prof. E. L. Blackshear of Waco, Texas; Prof. R. R. Wright of College, Ga.; and Dr. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute—and the country at large.

GALESBURG, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Roy Lyons, of this city, and Miss Floy McGaw, of Davenport, Ia., were quietly married at Davenport, on Monday evening, February 21. They were entertained at a reception at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Garnett, 1086 Grand avenue, Thursday evening. Those attending the reception were members of the Daisy Dean Walker Culture and Bohemian Clubs. The reception hall and rooms adjoining were handsomely decorated with the club colors, red and white. After the bride and groom had received congratulations from all present, and the bride been assured of a hearty welcome to her new home, they listened to a short program in keeping with the occasion. A dainty luncheon was served later, after which the guests departed....The Daisy Dean Walker Culture Club gave a Martha Washington Tea at the home of Mrs. Adah Harper, 666 South Holton street, February 22. Red and white, the club colors, were carried out in decorations in the serving rooms. The parlors were tastefully decorated with flags. Mrs. T. S. Patton represented Martha Washington. Other members of the club were all dressed in keeping with the event. The fine program rendered by the club members was highly appreciated by those present. A light luncheon was served during the evening....Mrs. Tillie Green will entertain the Leisure Hour Club Thursday afternoon....The Improvement Club met with Mrs. J. Howerton last Tuesday afternoon....The Thimble Circle will meet with Mrs. E. Gogan, Friday afternoon.... Mr. Sam Thompson and Mr. Jesse Wilder are home, after a three weeks' trip to Florida with Mr. Hibbard, on his private car....Mrs. Estelle Boulder is in Macomb, visiting a friend who is quite ill....The C. T. N. Missionary Society, under the direction of Mrs. Rupie Hazel, will give a drama and bazar in the Second Baptist Church, Thursday, March 10. On that evening the Young Boys' Orchestra will make its first public appearance.... Thomas, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harber, is ill with stomach trouble....Mrs. McBride has been ill for the last week with la grippe....Mrs. Adah Davis has been sick for a few days, suffering from a severe cold....Rev. Mason, of Monmouth, was in the city one day last week on business....Rev. Butler, of Palmyra, Mo., preached for the members of the Second Baptist Church, Sunday. He will be in the city until after Wednesday, and will preach again Tuesday evening....Lewis and his band are still persevering and doing nicely. The citizens of Galesburg are very proud of him as a bandmaster.

YAZOO CITY, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The State Association of Letter Carriers met in Vicksburg, February 22, having six cities fully represented, as follows: Jackson, Vicksburg, Greenville, Greenwood, Clarksdale and Yazoo City. Mr. J. P. Suttlar, of Yazoo City, was elected president; Mr. B. W. Currie, of Vicksburg, national state vice president, and Mr. Henry W. Johnson, an old Yazoo City boy, but now of Greenwood, was electted state vice president. A full write-up of this affair next issue....Miss Williella Johnson, a member of the senior class of Natchez College, returned home yesterday, owing to being ill. She will return as soon as she has recovered....The continued bad weather has retarded farming and gardening, but the prospect for fruit was never so promising....Mr. Tommie Gibbs, of 608 East Powell street, a graduate of Booker T. Washington's school (Hampton University), took a civil service competitive examination in Chicago, where there were 160 applicants, and stood ahead of the class, and was appointed clerk in the postoffice at Chicago last week. Of course, Mr. Gibbs is colored.... A great meeting of the Labor Grocery Company will be held here March 2. Booker T. Washington and Chas. Banks are expected. Either one will draw a large crowd.....If you want The Freeman, ring 179. Will deliver to any part of the city. No distance too far nor weather too bad. The Freeman will be here on time every week. Call at 318 Alcorn street or ring 179. L. Hill is the hustling agent.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

February 15, at 12 o'clock, m., the stork paid its respects to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Benjamin, on Western Heights. The newly arrived is a boy, weighing eight pounds....Bulwer Lytton's popular drama, "The Lady of Lyons," was presented to a large and appreciative audience in the chapel of Biddle University, Tuesday evening, the 22d inst. The dramatis personae consisted of students of the Theological Seminary and ladies from the faculty of the city graded schools, assisted by Miss Myrtle Brown, of the university. The parts were well taken and the play as a whole was a delightful surprise. Miss Sadie R. Washington made a most lovely Pauline, while Mr. Byrd Smith sustained his reputation for histrionic talent of superior quality....The Queen City Drug Store, in this city, on the night of the 22d inst., wsa destroyed by fire. The fire occurred about 10:30. Mr. J. T. Sanders, the proprietor, says that the loss in stock will approximate $3,000, with a partial insurance not exceeding $1,000. The cause of the fire is unknown....Call at 224 East Trade street for The Freeman.

MITCHELL, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Louisa Wilson, one of the pioneers, died at Bedford, Tuesday. Her remains were brought here for burial. The funeral was preached at the Baptist Church by Rev. Terrell, of Madison, after which Rose of Sharon Chapter No. 23 of the O. E. S. took charge of the body....Mrs. Charity Cooper, Miss Bertha Cooper, Mrs. Rosa Vontrees, Mrs. Ellen Rain, Mrs. Coofer and Mrs. Willis are all getting better, but Mr. William Allen continue quite ill.... Mrs. Fuller, of Bloomington, attended the funeral of Mrs. Wilson. Quite a number from Bedford attended the funeral of Mrs. Wilson....Mr. Len Lewis has returned from Evansville and Terre Haute, where he has been visiting his daughters.... Miss Allie Finley and niece, Jennie, visited here Friday....Rev. Mason will hold his regular services at the Baptist Church Sunday....Mrs. Henrietta Terrell has been sick, but is much better....Mr. P. C. Terrell has been ill with the grip, but is getting better....Rev. Aaron Knight, of Danville, is visiting his family....Rev. W. A. Moor, the blind evangelist of West Virginia, held a five nights service at the A. M. E. Church....Rev. H. J. Thompson had a rally day Sunday at his church. Quite a number were out to service Sunday. Clubs Nos. 1 and 2 reported total amount—$22,56. Clubs No. 1 and 3 will meet with Rev. H. J. Thompson and wife Tuesday night....Rev. Seabreeze, of Louisville, preached for Rev. Mason Sunday morning and evening.

J. WALTER HODGE,
REAL ESTATE,
Fire, Accident and Health Insurance. See me for bargains if you are looking for a home or investment. Cash or easy payments.
BOTH PHONES 1173.
536 Indiana Ave., Indianapolil, Ind

EVERY LADY READ THIS.

Years ago, when I was a sufferer, an old nurse told me of a wonderful cure for Leucorrhea, Displacement, Painful Periods, Uterine and Ovarian troubles. It cured me in one month. It is a simple, harmless lotion that can be prepared by any one having the recepe. I will send it FREE to every suffering sister who writes to me. I have nothing to sell. This is a case of woman helping woman. I send it FREE. Address MRS. A. B. HUDNUT, South Bend, Ind.

JAS. N. SHELTON. LUCAS B WILLIS
Phones—New 3058, Old, Main, 4694.
Shelton & Willis,
(Licensed Embalmers)
FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS
Best Service. Lady Attendant
Lowest Prices.
418 Indiana Ave Open all Night

SANDWICH AND BREAD PLATES
are gifts that will be highly prized by the recipient, and are useful as well as ornamental articles for your own use. I have a large assortment to select from, all made of sterling silver.
CARL L. ROST,
DIAMOND MERCHANT,
15 N. Illinois St.
The Claypool Hotel is Opposite Me

Mme. L. C. Parrish
Hair Culturing, Manicuring, and Scalp Treatment

The largest manufacturer of Hair preparations in Boston. Dealer in Pure Human Hair Goods.
For growing hair on bald heads and bare temples, use Parrish's Never Fail Hair Food. Per jar . . . . 50c.
For developing and beautifying the skin, use Parrish's Orange Flower Skin Food. Per jar . . . . 25c.
For cleansing and softening the skin, use Parrish's Velvet Liquid Powder. Per bottle . . . . 50c.
For stimulating the growth of the hair, use Parrish's Wonderful Hair Tonic. Per bottle . . . . 50c.
For cleansing, beautifying, and preserving the teeth, use Parrish's Pearl Top Tooth Powder . . . . 25c.
Wigs, Switches, Pomps and Puffs to match your hair. Splendid workmanship. Reasonable prices.
Parrish's Never Fail Hair Food is absolutely one of the best preparations on the market. It stops the hair from falling out or breaking off. It beautifies and enriches it, and makes it grow.
Send 10 cents for a sample jar. Agents wanted. Write for terms.
MME. L. C. PARRISH,
95 Camden St., Boston, Mass.
Mention The Freeman when ordering goods.

LINCOLN
HAIR POMADE
MAKES KINKY HAIR SOFT
KEEPS HAIR FROM
KEEPS SCALP FRESH
WHOLE-SOME MAKES HAIR GROW

A WOMAN'S JUST PRIDE IS HER HAIR.

To straighten out that kinky, curly hair, putting it in the most perfect condition to be combed into any shape, just try a bottle of LINCOLN HAIR POMADE. There is no other preparation on earth to equal LINCOLN HAIR POMADE in producing soft, beautiful hair. Lincoln Hair Pomade is a natural hair cleanser—a natural promoter of growth and naturally reduces the hair to a straight and combable condition; but also supplies the hair with a silky sheen and gloss. No matter how rough or heavy your hair is now, no matter how hard or curly it may be. the use of Lincoln Hair Pomade will give you hair that can well be the envy of others. Lincoln Hair Pomade is the only highly recommended preparation for this purpose on the market.

It is Lincoln Hair Pomade you want, so refuse weak and inferior substitutes. Do not take anything that is claimed to be just as good, but insist on getting the genuine.

PRICE 15 CENTS.
Manufactured by
THE LINCOLN POMADE COMPANY,
NORFOLK, VA., U. S. A.

Agents wanted everywhere. Write for particulars. If your dealer does not keep it, send 20 cents in silver or stamps to THE LINCOLN POMADE CO., Department D., Norfolk, Va., and we will send you a bottle by return mail.

Plenty of Money To Loan

On household Goods, Pianos, Vehicles, Horses, Etc. without removal.

YOU

need not worry about your debts; we will advance you sufficient money to pay them and give you additional money if you need it. You can pay us in small weekly or monthly installments. Extension allowed in case of sickness or other misfortune without extra charge. Liberal rebate is given if account is paid before due. Low rates, easy terms and most courteous treatment. All business held in strict confidence. If you can not call, write or phone us and our representative will call on you.

NATIONAL LOAN CO.,
339 K. of P. Bldg.
East of Postoffice.
Old phone, Main 7477. New phone 1227

Hadley Bros.,
DRUGGISTS.
Nelson's Hair Dressing. Nelson's Scalp Cleaner
755-757 Indiana Avenue.
Near St. Clair St. - Indianapolis

INDIANA ELECTROTYPE CO.
DESIGNERS, ENGRAVERS, ELECTROTYPERS
23 West Pearl Street
INDIANAPOLIS
Both Phones 1270

WE LOAN YOU MONEY!
On your Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry. We have over 200 unredeemed watches. Let us show you what we will sell you for $5 00. worth $20 00. Buy now before they are all gone. We also carry a fine line of Suit Cases and Bags and all kinds of Musical Instruments.
RELIABLE LOAN OFFICE
Phone, Main, 7783. - 145 S. Illinois St.

Is Your Hair Beautiful
Soft, Silky and Long?

Does it comb easily without breaking?
Is it straight?
Does it smooth out nicely?
Can you do it up in any of the charming styles, so it will stay, and make you proud of it?
Is it long and full of life?
If you cannot say YES to all of the above questions, then you need

Nelson's Hair Dressing

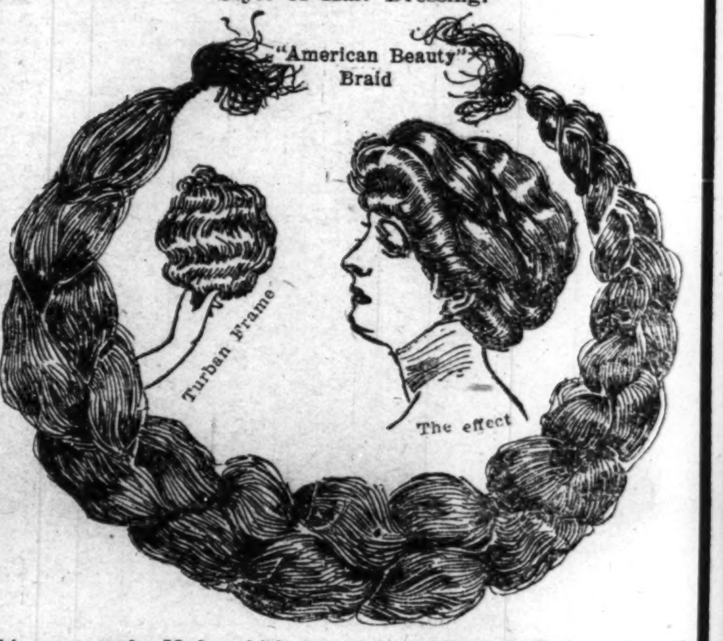
NELSON'S HAIR DRESSING is the finest hair pomade on the face of the earth for colored people. It makes your hair grow fast; it makes stubborn, kinky and tangled hair as soft and supple as silk. It makes it healthy. It keeps it from splitting or breaking off. It makes it rich and gives it that charm so longed for by all true ladies.

Use Nelson's Hair Dressing and you'll never have dandruff. Your head will keep clean. The roots of your hair will have the necessary amount of oil. You will never have scalp disease. You will be delighted with its delicate perfume.

Nelson's Hair Dressing is put up in handsome four-ounce square tin boxes, like the lady holds in her hand. Druggists and agents everywhere sell it at 25 cents a box. If you can't get it, send us 30 cents and we will mail you a full size box postpaid. Go and buy it now, or sit right down and write us. Address

NELSON MANUFACTURING CO., Richmond, Va.
Live Agents Wanted. Write Quick for Terms.

TERMINAL LOAN BANK,
The Store for Bargains.
A fine line of Watches, Diamonds, Clocks and Stringed Instruments. If you are contemplating making a present, we are sure to have what you want. Fine watch repairing.
103 West Market Street. **Corner Illinois Street.**



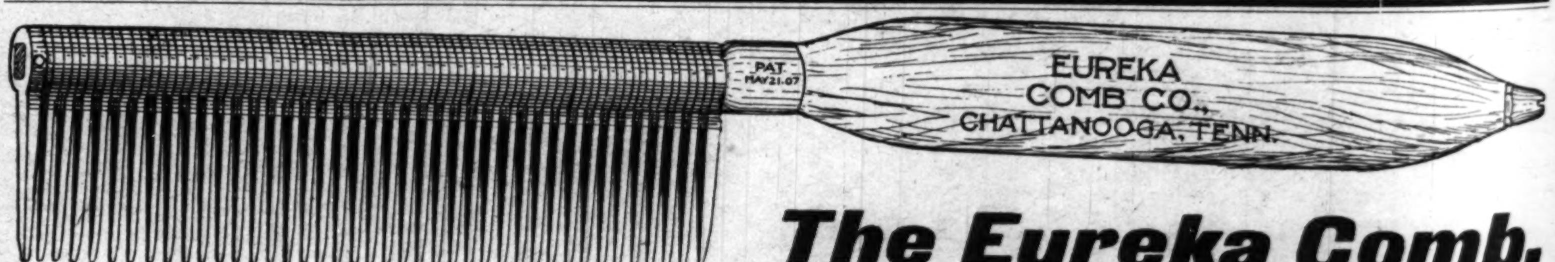
Taylor's UP-TO-DATE Hair Goods
Turban Crowns, Braids and Pins, for the Latest Style of Hair Dressing.

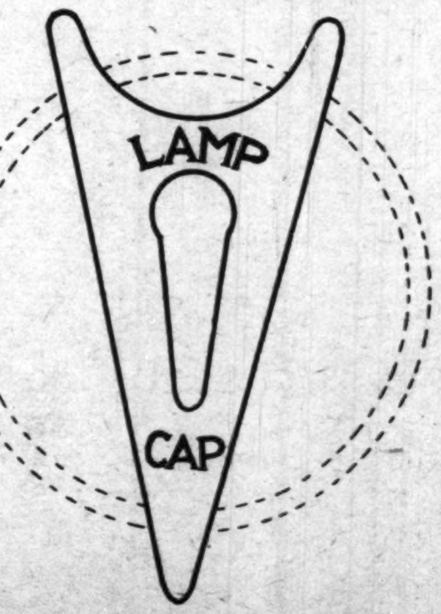
This very popular Mode, which was originated lately in Paris, is obtained by the use of a light wire frame, covered with wool crepe, which is effectually concealed by the Hair. The corffure proper is formed of a long Switch-Braided, which goes entirely around the head.

For this purpose nothing equals the American Beauty Braid. I can furnish the Braids in 3 sizes, as follows: $1.50, $2.50 and $3 50 made of Black, Brown or Kinky Hair, from 22 to 26 inches long. Price of the Turban Frame is 50c, black or brown covering Then you need a set of Large American Beauty Braid Hair Pine, 4 to the set, for $1.00. Send sample when ordering braids. Address.

T. W. TAYLOR, - HOWELL, MICH.

A Burning Question
The Indianapolis Coal Co.
Asks your patronage. Place your order with
A Real Coal Company.
10—Big Yards—10 125—Teams—125
Both Phones 1700. Main Office 113 N. Penn. St.


PAT. MAY 21.07
EUREKA COMB CO., CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

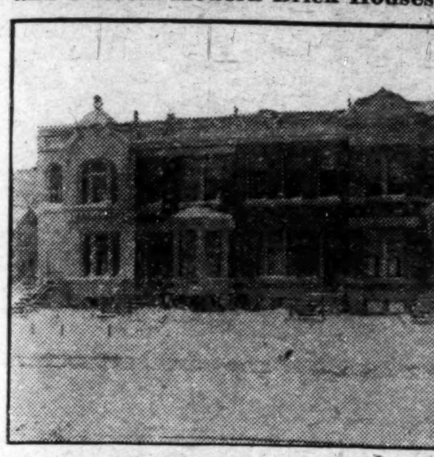


The Eureka Comb.

The cut here-in, a display of the Eureka Comb in its purity. Scientifically constructed. A combination of metals—brass, copper and steel—a battery. For the purpose here-in mentioned: By straightening beautifully crimpy hair, making straight hair soft and airy, causing anybody's hair to grow rapidly, no doubt about it; putting the scalp and hair in a most perfect condition; a preventative from any ill effects in its use, a great aid to nature, stopping the hair from falling, eradicating dandruff. There are other Combs. The Eureka has no equal—satisfying the most doubtful. Since we know the cause of not having beautiful hair, we offer our Comb as an aid, quickening in every manner, giving what is considered one's glory, Beautiful Hair. We warn the public against imitations. A Letter Patent and the secret of preparing the metals in the construction, are in our keeping. We guarantee the Comb to answer for every purpose here-in disclosed. We repeat again the splendid results obtained by following directions that are sent out with every Comb. Price complete, each, **$1.50** (one dollar and fifty cents). The Eureka Quinine and Pomade, a splendid preparation, works in harmony with the Comb. Price **50c** (fifty cents) per four ounce can. P. O., Express Money Order or Certified Check should accompany order, otherwise we send C. O. D.

ACTIVE AGENTS WANTED. THE EUREKA SELLS QUICKLY WHENEVER INTRODUCED.

Eureka Comb Co.
Chattanooga, Tenn.



Your Choice of These

7 and 8 Room Modern Brick Houses for

$3500 **$3500**

$300 Cash, Balance Same as Rent.

W. H. BOWERS & CO.

Bankers and Real Estate Brokers,

4-6 E. 31st St., N. E. Cor. State St., Chicago, Ill.

PREPARE FOR YOUR FAMILY WHILE LIVING.
YOU CAN NOT AFTER DEATH OVERTAKES YOU.

75c per Quarter or $3.00 per Year
Secures to your family at your death

$300.00 Three Hundred Dollars **$300.00**

If you die in the National Order of the

Mosaic Templars of America.

Just think of it! Before you can pay into the Order as much as you will draw out, you will have been a member one hundred years. What chance have you to lose? There is no investment on earth into which you can place your money and get a guarantee that your heirs will receive at your death

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS, IF YOU PAY THREE DOLLARS PER YEAR DURING YOUR LIFE

You are duty bound to leave those who depend upon you, something, when your eyes are closed in death, and we know of nothing better to recommend to you than the great National Order of the Mosaic Templars of America, which will pay you Three Hundred Dollars for Three.

A PURELY NEGRO ORGANIZATION

This Order was organized in 1882 by Negroes, and its founders take pride in heralding the fact that not one line of its secret works, written or unwritten, were stolen from any white man's order; but is wholly the prouct of Negro brains. It not only admonishes the Negro to prepare to die, but is emphatic in teaching him how to live and improve his condition in this life by self-help, thrift, industry and living up to the true principles of honesty.

BLAZED A WAY WHICH OTHERS ARE FOLLOWING—NEW IDEAS

Thousands of men and women have remained out of Fraternal Orders because they objected to the time-worn custom of marching under flying banners and streaming Regalia, also the practice of doing naught but looking after the sick and burying the dead. The Mosaic Templars of America adopted a simple badge (2x6 inches) as its regalia, and was the first Fraternal institution in the United States to introduce the Endowment feature. It has been adopted by all of the leading Fraternal Orders in the world.

OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION IS OUR BED-ROCK OF STRENGTH—DON'T OWE A DOLLAR

By careful and conservative business methods we place our financial condition where it cannot be shaken. Through our Endowment Department we have paid out to widows and orphans nearly a half-million dollars. All of our claims are paid to date, and we pay them as soon as they are filed in this office—there is no delaying or waiting, for we have got the money. We never allow our reserve fund to fall below 1 per cent. of the value of policies in force. Insurance Experts have figured this out as a safe margin, and we strictly adhere to it.

BIG MONEY FOR WIDE-AWAKE DEPUTIES—WRITE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Deputies can reap a rich harvest setting up Mosaic Lodges. For instance, a Deputy sets up a Lodge of thirty members at $3.50 each; that is $105.00. His Charter will cost him $15.00 and the Policy for each member 75c, which would amount to $22.50, leaving the Deputy a clear profit of $67.50 on one Lodge. A Deputy of ordinary ability should set up two Lodges per month; a wide-awake hustling Deputy should set up four or five. If you are not a member of the Mosaic Templars of America, join at once. If there is not a Lodge in your community, write to headquarters and we will send somebody to organize one. We have 25,000 members scattered over the United States. Women enjoy the same rights, benefits and privileges as the men. We are helping these thousands and will help you if you will only embrace the opportunity that we are holding forth.

NATIONAL ORDER

Mosaic Templars of America,
Little Rock, Ark.
W. M. ALEXANDER, N. G. M., 504½ West Ninth Street.
J. E. BUSH, N. G. S., Box 402.

JUST HAT LOGIC

THE DIFFERENCE between "prejudice" and "preference" is the difference between "hearsay" and "experience." Smart Dressers are prejudiced in favor of "Levinson Hats" because they hear nothing but good of them—they know nothing but good of them; they have developed a prejudice for "Levinson Hats" because they have found out by personal experience that they match any $5 style and equal any $3 quality—in fact, they believe that "None are Better." So will you after having once worn a Levinson.

Any Style—**$2.00**—*Any Color*

Levinson's $2 Hat Shop.

37 N. Penn. St—TWO STORES—41 S. Illinois St.

Hotel Brunswick

GEORGE W. HOLT, Prop.

A first class Stag Hotel. Twenty beautifully appointed rooms. Prices reasonable. Buffet in connection.

THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION OF MODERN SERVICE.

3004 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Subscribe for The Freeman and Keep Informed.

NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS.

As Reported by the National Negro Business League.

That the Negro is branching out and entering new fields of finance heretofore unexplored by him is very evident in the venture of the newly incorporated Bonding Company of Atlanta, Ga.

M. B. Morton is the promoter, and his financial ability to carry $100,000 in bonds has been fully tested by expert financiers.

The Atlanta State Savings Bank, 185 Auburn Avenue, of which J. O. Ross is president and C. C. Carter is cashier, is forging ahead. At the close of business the first year, January 6, 1910, over $100,000 had been handled in cash and otherwise by the firm.

* * *

The Artesian Drug Company of Albany, Ga., M. O. Lee, Phar. D., manager, began business eight years ago with a paid-up capital stock of $1,300.

The business became so prosperous that a wholesale department was established about three years ago and a regular traveling salesman put on the road. The present value of the stock is $10,000, and the company has annually declared an average of 50 per cent. cash dividend during the past eight years. Thirteen persons are employed in the establishment in various capacities.

The regular force of three store clerks is usually increased to ten during the holiday season in December.

The Lee Chemical Company as outgrowth of the Drug Company, is designed to be operated upon a scale a hundred times as large as the parent firm. It will be of national scope with headquarters and laboratory in Atlanta. The company will manufacture chemicals, medicines, toilet articles, etc. Some of the incorporators of the Le Chemical Company are: M. O. Lee, Phar. D., president, Albany, Ga.; W. H. Davis, secretary, Labor and Commerce Department, Washington, D. C.; W. M. Driskell, treasurer, Atlanta; Deal L. Jackson, Dougherty County, Ga.; Dr. Moses Amos, Atlanta.

* * *

Within a few weeks a textile mill, financed by Negroes, built by Negroes, and operated altogether by Negro skill will open for business in Durham, N. C. It is incorporated with a capital stock of $50,000. John Merrick and Richard B. Fitzgerald, reputed to be the richest Negroes in North Carolina, are largely behind this business venture.

This is the second manufacturing company owned and operated entirely by Negroes that has been established and incorporated in the Old North State within the last six months.

The other factory is a silk mill located at Rocky Mount, also capitalized at $50,000. T. W. Thurston is its president.

* * *

Less than twelve years ago Elridge Price, 49 East Street, Dothan, Ala., was a cook in a private family in that place. Today he is a real estate broker, the fortunate owner of several tenement houses and the proprietor of a large general merchandise store, filled with a stock of goods, valued at about $10,000, upon which he realizes a business of $25,000 a year.

He is now having erected in the heart of the business section on a lot he paid $1,000 for, a two-story brick building to cost $6,000. His "paper" is regarded as "gilt edge" in any of the four banks of the city.

* * *

Messrs. Allen and Harney, 502 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Ala., funeral directors and embalmers, have the best equipped undertaking establishment in the city. In fact, one of the largest in the outh, consisting of three magnificent funeral cars, (black, white and lavender), a dozen or more splendid landau carriages, with matched teams and uniformed drivers. The service is first-class in every particular. The equipment is valued at $25,000, with which the firm does a $20,000 business yearly.

The furniture establishment of C. W. Peters & Co., 601-603 Dauphin street, with C. W. Peters, president and funeral manager, is about the finest and most complete of its kind under colored proprietorship in the country. The stock of goods consisting of a variety of grades and descriptions, covering a large area of floor space, is probably worth $30,000. Mr. Peters himself is supposed to be worth anywhere from $40,000 to $50,000.

James T. Peterson, superintendent of the letter-carrier force in Mobile postoffice, all of whom are colored, numbering thirty-five, is reputed to be the wealthiest colored man in the city. No one but himself knows the value of his holdings. It is, however, conservatively estimated to be between $75,000 and $100,000.

His houses are located not only on Negro quarters, but among the wealthy whites, who are also among his tenants.

Nine years ago Dr. H. Roger Williams, graduating from Meharry Medical School, Nashville, Tenn., went to Mobile and flung out his shingle. During this time, as a result of faithful and conscientious service, he has built up an exceptionally large practice. He has prospered, in the meanwhile, to such an extent that he has become the sole owner of three drug stores, located in different parts of the city. Each one is well equipped and gives first-class service. Dr. Williams is president of the Local League.

Dr. E. T. Beisaw, the only colored dentist in the city, has also built up a large and lucrative practice. His office is 500 Dauphin Street.

C. First Johnson, secretary and general manager of the Union Mutual Aid Association, 601-603 Dauphin Street, enjoys the reputation of being a thorough-going business man. The success of the association with which he is connected and of which he is the prime factor, is a striking witness to his business sagacity and foresight. Mr. Johnson is considered to be worth in the neighborhood of $60,000.

Wm. Jones, Jr., broker, may be found in the Packer Building, corner Davis Avenue and Congress Street, in handsomely fited up quarters.

Mr. Jones deals in real estate, insurance and money lending.

While he has not been in the business quite two years, he has, nevertheless, met with some success, handling thousands of dollars worth of property annually.

David Patten is in the drayage and transfer business. For this purpose he uses one hundred mules and fifty wagons. His pay roll amounts to $1,000 a month.

George W. Sims is also in the same kind of business. He keeps busy twenty teams and employs anywhere from twenty-five to fifty men. His pay roll foots up from $250 to $700 a week.

Capt. W. G. Lewis & Son are the leading contractors and builders here. They usually have an abundance of work before them. They are in general demand.

The houses they contract for and build may be seen in almost any part of the city—some of them costing as high as $10,000 and $15,000.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Janie Barksdale has gone to St. Louis to visit her aunt, Miss Callie Pardue....Mrs. Nannie Parish, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Egbert Neblett.... Mrs. Hattie Peyton, of Chicago, is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Scott. ....D. A. Trotman has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., hoping to improve his health. ....Miss Birdie Manson is very ill.... Mrs. Julia Dixon is much better....John Wayne Robards, commonly known as "Fisherman Roberts," succumbed to a long illness from heart trouble, Wednesday, February 23, at 8:25 a. m., at his home, 613 Main street. He was seventy-seven years of age.

LARBORO, N. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Moore conducted services in his church Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, and Sunday school was conducted at 2 p. m. by Nathan Williams, superintendent. Mr. Moore preached a fine sermon at the same church Sunday evening, and it was well attended.....At the A. M. E. Zion Church there will be preaching every Wednesday night and prayer meeting every Friday night, conducted by Rev. Jno. Noble.... The Episcopal Church was largely attended last Sunday night, in spite of the bad weather. Services were conducted by Rev. Perry....The Eastern Star Baptist Church held a revival service all last week and the meetings were well attended. The Sunday service was held at the usual hour and conducted by Rev. Thompson. ....A new Masonic Lodge was set up last week, containing twenty members. We wish them success....Miss Fannie Killebrew is still on the sick list....Mr. McJohnson was married Tuesday night, February 22, to Miss Sallie Brown, both of Larboro, N. C....Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Killebrew gave a reception in honor of their daughter, lately married to Mr. B. F. Stevens, at their home on Church street. Those present were Rev. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Rose Thomas, Jessie Hines, Mrs. McWhitley, Miss Magnolia Barnes, Mrs. Lena Williams, Mrs. Robert Killebrew, Miss M. J. Foset, Miss M. Williams, Herbert Parker, Alphone Hannon, Cornelius M. Foster, Fred Jones, Lee Dancy, Jno. Williams. The blessing was asked by Rev. Thompson, of the Eastern Star Baptist Church. All had a fine time....Rev. Thompson was visited by his wife last week....Lewis, Hammon & Stevens have received a fine lot of samples for spring and summer styles for gents' suits. Go and see them and give them a trial. They clean, press, repair, dye clothes, and guarantee a perfect fit or money refunded.... Those who wish The Freeman should call at the shop of Lewis, Hammon and Stevens, tailors....For fancy and staple groceries call at Silles, Ruffin & Co.

TUSCALOSA, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday, Feb. 20, was on of marked importance to the citizens of Tuscaloosa, as it marked the first visit of Dr. oBoker T. Washington. eH arrived at noon and was met at the depot by the following committee: Prof. B. H. Barnes, chairman, Mr. W. F. Pickett, secretary, Drs. G. A. Weaver, W. R. Brown, Rev. W. L. Hamblin, Prof. H. L. Goins and Messrs. J. G. Balls and N. Luffboro. eH was then taken for a drive and was met at the First African Baptist Church at 2:30 by about 2,000 white and colored citizens. The following program was carried out: Anthem, "Princess Akawe," choir; invocation, Rev. C. A. Smyly; preliminary remarks and presenting the Rev. J. H. Smith as master of ceremonies by Prof. B. H. Barnes; remarks, Prof. Jere Barnes; jubilee, "Rise and Shine," choir; remarks, Dr. G. A. Weaver, representing the Negro Business League; remarks, Hon. W. M. Fauk, mayor; anthem, "Calm on the Listening Ear," choir; remarks, Dr. J. W. Abercrombie, president University of Alabama (white); remarks, Rev. L. O. Dawson (white churches); remarks, Rev. W. L. Hamblin (colored churches); jubilee, choir; address, Dr. B. T. Washington; jubilee, "The Old Camp Meeting," and dismission. The visit was brought about mainly through the efforts of Prof. B. H. Barnes, a graduate of Tuskegee. Dr. Washington was accompanied by his son, Davison Washington, and Rev. A. F. Owens, dean of the Bible classes at Tuskegee. The Tuscaloosa Times-Gazette said in part about him as follows: "It was a notable address and we wish that every white man and woman in Tuscaloosa could have heard him. Should he ever come to Tuscaloosa again it is hoped that some place can be secured where everybody can see and hear him, and it is hoped that they will go.

XENIA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The East Main Street High School baseball team met and organized on Thursday of last week. The following officers were elected: James A. J. Massie, president; Warren K. Harris, secretary; Frank A. Merchant, treasurer; Cubert Lindsey, manager, and Laurence R. Smith, captain. The boys promise to give good games all season, and will get down to hard work as soon as the weather will permit....Eddie P. Lee is now agent for THE FREEMAN. Give him a call....The Dunbar Club me at the residence of Miss Theresa Harris, on East Second street, Friday evening, February 25. The club has not been organized very long, and it seems to be getting along fine....The Thomas Quartette held a very interesting program at the Opera House Friday evening, March 4, under the auspices of the graduating class of the East Main Street High School.... Mr. Robert Hawkins, of the Twenty-fifth Regiment, stationed at Spokane, Wash., is here visiting his mother and friends.... Mr. James Peters, of this city, and Mr. Charles Tate, of Richmond, Ind., have opened a dry cleaning establishment under the name of The Xenia Dry Cleaning Company. Their office will be located on Green street, next door to the Adams Express Company. Mr. Tate has had eight years' experience in the work while in Richmond.

TAYLOR, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The carpenters are at work on the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church. Some of their members are out with their cards soliciting aid for their new church.... Mesdames Emaline Johnson and Ida Green have returned home from Weldon, Okla., where they have been visiting relatives and friends....Rev. J. S. Nelson has returned from a flying trip to Elgin on business....Mrs. Peal Griffin is visiting relatives and freinds in Belton....Mr. Charley Slaughter, of Houston, was in the city a few hours last week shaking hands with relatives and friends....Mesdames Virginia E. Pickett and Charity McGee, Rev. A. Nelson, Curtis Chandler, John D. Lowrey, John Vann, Jr., and little Ruby Elgin are on the sick list this week.... Willie Harrison, Jr., returned home sick last week from Texas Central College, at Waco....Miss Minnie Patterson returned home last week from Dallas.

THE LAND OF DIXIE.

THE NATURAL PLACE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEGRO ENTERPRISES.

J. D. HOWARD, OF THE FREEMAN STAFF, ROYALLY ENTERTAINED IN THE ATHENS OF THE SOUTH.

Luring the sojourn of J. D. Howard last week in Nashville, on a business trip for The Freeman, he became so impressed with the city and its people that he sent a letter to The Freeman of so much general interest to the public that we take pleasure in giving it in full to The Freeman readers. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. Knox—I scarcely know how to begin by way of giving you an idea of Nashville and its people. It would take columns of your valuable space were I to attempt a description of my impressions in detail. Permit me to say a word as to the colored commercial activities and the men behind them. This is a city of varied interests carried on by our people. They range in scope from a hospital down to a first-class laundry. I had the pleasure of spending two days at the Boyd Hospital, known as the "Mercy" Hospital, the guest of Dr. Boyd. This is an institution in the first rank of its kind. Through the courtesy of Dr. Boyd I was permitted to don a jacket and be present at some skillful and difficult operations. The hospital is the medical adjunct of the Maharry College. Seventeen nurses are required in constant attendance on the patients. There is a large staff of skilled physicians as instructors to the class. I had seen many white institutions of this kind, but was never before presented with an opportunity of seeing colored men engaged in the execution of major operations, not even in the capacity of assistants. The whole thing was bewildering and I can assure you that it all had a distinct educational value.

Nashville has two first-class banking institutions. The Napier Court Bank is a solid proposition, endorsed by the leading banking houses throughout the State. Mr. J. C. Napier, its president and founder, is a national character. He is one of the most widely known men in the entire commonwealth and is at present spoken of rather prominently as an appointee to a ministership to one of the South American consulates. Around the corner from the Napier Bank the stranger is confronted with another banking proposition in the form of The People's Savings and Trust Company. Dr. Boyd, of whom mention has already been made, is the president of this company. Both of these propositions are supported nicely by the colored people of the city, which is the best possible evidence of their strength and solidarity.

Perhaps one of the most delightful diversions of my entire trip was furnished by the elaborate stag dinner set in my honor by Mr. Albert Watkins at his beautiful home, 1810 Jefferson street. As a special feature Mr. Watkins had on hand Teasley and Mitchell, one of the strongest and most proficient musical teams in all Nashville, who entertained the guests with five successive medlays composed exclusively of old-time ballads. Not a recent song was introduced. Among those present were: Frank Paschall, business manager to Mr. Watkins; A. J. Whatton, Sam Houston and Master Eddie Reed Watkins, together with a score or more of others whose names I have forgotten. Mrs. Watkins is a typically dainty, gracious and hospitable hostess, common only to the South. Mr. Watkins is the owner of a beautiful home of the latest and most advanced appointments and is the possessor of numerous racing stock.

Williams' Shaving Soap

Ask anyone about it. Everyone knows.

THE J. B. WILLIAMS CO.,
Glastonbury, Conn.

Burton Jewelry Co
—HAS—
Ready Money
to loan on all articles of value,
Watches, Jewelry and Diamonds
RATES REASONABLE.
58 MONUMENT PLACE.
(OLD STAR BUILDING)

The Eureka Comb is on sale at The Freeman office, 225 Indiana avenue.

Waiters and Cooks
Prefer our Make of
Jackets and Aprons
because they have fouud them satisfactory.
Write for Complete Catalogue FREE
giving full instructions how to order.
Marcus Ruben, Inc.,
390 State St., CHICAGO, ILL.

Charles H. Cook,
PANTATORIUM
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Garments Cleaned. Dyed and Pressed.
First Class Work Guaranteed.
134 West New York Street.

SECURITY TRUST CO
INDIANAPOLIS

SAVING
Is Easy

Aside from tiding you over any possible period of adversity, a savings account teaches economy, thriftiness, system and leads to independence.

Why not start with us today with a dollar or more?

We Pay 3% Compound Interest on Savings

A fine steel home bank given free to all new depositors.

SECURITY TRUST CO.,
148 E. Market St.

Coal that Saves you Money

AND KEEPS YOUR HOUSE WARM
Makes white ash, no clinkers and all heat.

All Heat Lump	$4.00	per ton
All Heat Egg	3.50	per ton
Best Rescreened Indiana Lump	4.00	per ton
Pocahontas Mine Run	5.00	per ton
Sample order of All Heat or All Heat Egg, one-half ton	2.00	

Phone orders receive our special attention. New Phone 2846. Old Phone, Woodruff, 115

W. E. Ralph Ice & Coal Company,
1005 EAST PRATT STREET.

N. A. MOORE, Pres. W. H. ALLERDICE, Vice-Pres. WM. L. HOY, Sec.-Treas.

Moore Grocery Company
Pure Food Store.

Phones: NEW, 892, 891. OLD, 892, 891. 164 North Illinois Street.

THE MAGIC IS TWO TIMES LARGER THAN PICTURE—IT IS 9IN LONG
STEEL HEATING BAR
SHAMPOO DRIER MFG. CO
MINNEAPOLIS MINN
ALUMINUM COMB

THE MAGIC SHAMPOO DRIER AND HAIR-STRAIGHTENER

MAILED ANYWHERE IN U.S POSTAGE PAID- $1.00
SEND MONEY BY POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER.

LADIES LOOK! Every lady can have a beautiful and luxuriant head of hair if she uses a MAGIC. After a shampoo or bath the Magic dries the hair, removing the dandruff; and it will straighten the curliest head of hair.

The Magic will not burn or injure the hair, because the comb is never heated. The steel heating bar which irons the hair, is alone, put into the flame of the alcohol or gas heater.

The Aluminum Comb is easily detached from the heating bar, then, after the bar is heated the comb goes back into place and is held by a turn of the handle.

The Magic Heater is also suitable for curling irons, has a cover and can be carried in a handbag.

Fill with alcohol and light here
MAGIC
MAGIC
PATENT APPLIED FOR
TOP

Magic Shampoo Drier $1.00. Magic Alcohol Heater $0.50. Liberal terms to agents. Write for literature today.

Magic Shampoo Drier Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Taylor's New Shampoo Dryer and Hair Straightener!
The Best in the World!

This Comb, properly heated, and the use of LaCreole Hair Pomade, will bring the most crimpy hair straight and silky at every stroke and cause a rapid growth of the hair. Don't put it off but send $1.00 today and get the Comb by return mail.

PRICE OF COMB $1.

Large, Heavy, Strong and Durable. Made of copper and brass associated together and cast into one solid piece; highly polished and fully nickle plated; steel bolt which goes through the large wood handle and screws into metal end of Comb to prevent the handle from getting loose or coming off. Remember it's all in one piece. Nothing to get out of order, will last a lifetime.

Fill with alcohol and light here
Here is the top

Price of Hair Straightener and Alcohol Heater complete $1.50.

TAYLOR'S SPECIAL ALCOHOL HEATER is the handiest and most convenient method of heating the Comb, and can be closed up so that you can put it in your hand-bag. Price 50c

For best results use LaCreole Hair Pomade. It not only meets every requirements of the Comb Straightener, but promotes a luxuriant growth of the hair. Price 25c.

SEND FOR MY FREE CATALOGUE illustrating the Largest and Most Complete Line of Hair Goods in this country for colored people, such as Bangs, Wigs, Puffs, Switches, Pompadours, Hair Pins, Combs, Brushes, etc.

Agents Wanted. T. W. TAYLOR, Howell, Mich.

When writing please mention this paper.

THE FREEMAN

A NATIONAL ILLUSTRATED COLORED NEWSPAPER.

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY
At 225 Indiana Avenue,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Any part of the United States one year, postage paid.........$1.50
Six Months.........85
Three Months.........60
Foreign Countries, including Canada, $1 extra.

Send money by express money order, postoffice money order or registered letter.

Agents wanted in every town and city not now occupied, and liberal inducements will be given to the same. Send for our extraordinary inducements.

ADVERTISING RATES:

Five cents per line. Base of measure—solid agate, 14 lines to an in., 273 lines in a column Special position 25 per cent. additional. No advertisement inserted on first page. Special rates on standing professional and business cards. Reasonable discount for long time and space. Reading notices 10c per line. Special rates on "write ups."

Entered at the postoffice at Indianapolis, Ind., as second class matter.

All matter should be addressed to

THE FREEMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
New Phone 2880.

GEORGE L. KNOX,
Publisher and Managing Editor.
ELWOOD C. KNOX,
Business Manager.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1910.

FIVE THOUSAND MORE BY JUNE 25, 1910.

Here's what we will do to stimulate a country wide campaign for a greater Freeman. We want 5,000 new subscribers on our mailing list, and will give the following premiums to those who will help us to secure them. The premiums are as follows:

Premium 1. An Auto-Run-About for the highest over 700, providing we have four or more contestants. The total number in the aggregate shall number not less than 700, the Auto to go to the one sending in the highest number of that number (700).

Premium 2. A Round-trip Ticket to Europe (second car), including a stop over in London and Paris, to the person sending the highest number of new subscribers over 500, provided there be four or more contestants. The total number of subscribers shall not be less than 500 on the contest (500).

Premium 3. A Round-trip Ticket, inclusive of a $10 admission ticket, to the Johnson-Jeffries world's pugilistic championship battle in California for 400 on exactly the same terms above noted in Nos. 1 and 2 (400).

Premium 4. A Solid Diamond Ring, suitable for lady or gentleman, on same rule as above noted in Nos. 1 and 2, for 300. (300.)

Premium 5. A Victor Graphophone and one dozen of the newest records for 250; governed by same rule as above in Nos. 1 and 2 (250).

Premium 6. A Bicycle for 200, on terms and by the same rule as noted in Nos. 1 and 2.

A 25 per cent. to all who care not to enter the contests. The paper during the period of the contests to go for ONE DOLLAR a year, the reports to be published weekly and all must be in by the issue of Saturday, June 25.

For this contest all communications bearing on it must be addressed to the managing editor, George L. Knox. Get busy!

Do not keep your kindness in water-tight compartments, for if it runs over a bit it will never do any harm!

How does it benefit the South to have the Negro reduced to slavery? President Lincoln once said that "This government can not survive half free and half slave." Was he right?

The postal savings bank bill has passed the Senate and the House. Wall street will please take notice, for if it finally becomes a law, woe to the bears and bulls of Wall street.

Why wouldn't a dignified, educated, decent black man of refinement be as fit to grace a seat in the United States Senate as Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, or Benj. Tillman, of South Carolina? Some one will please answer.

Vardaman, like Bryan, mixed an overdose of populism with Negrophobia and was politically asphyxiated. It is written in the stars that any white man taking a similar dose, who becomes, by accident or otherwise, a candidate for a public office, whether great or small, will surely die a political death. There will be no resurrection until Gabriel blows his trumpet—that's all!

Now that Hon. John C. Dancy is relieved from the ardous duties of the office of Recorder of Deeds at Washington he might be able to get to work on the completion of the long-delayed memoirs of the late Dr. J. C. Price. This he should do for the benefit of the great church and the equally as great a college that his late distinguished friend served with such signal ability and fidelity. Let us have the book of that truly great man of the Afro-American race, Joseph C. Price, D. D., the silver-tongued orator.

Philadelphia has a great strike on. Labor, with real or imaginary grievances, are at war against capital and its allied interests. Doing violence to person or property is prohibitive, and a plain violation of the rights of man and of the Constitution of the United States government. It matters not how intricate the problem adjudication can be reached without resort to violence and the mob. There can be no respect shown the person or persons who take the law in their own hands. We believe in each and every instance in the supremacy of the law.

There is a resemblance between President Taft and Mayor Shank's Negro policies. Our new mayor seems to be prone to follow where the President leads in his treatment of the Negro citizens. There is an exact similarity in what the President has done for the Negro in Georgia and what the mayor has done for the Negro citizen in Indianapolis, both have helped the Negro citizen "down and out"; have added to him by substraction—taking away that which he had, and presently the Negro will have nothing in city, state or nation. To whom shall he go? The Freeman answers—"to thine ownself be true."

A so-called "race war" took place in Florida Monday because the white man wanted to go back on his bargain with the Negro laborer, who had given his labor and exacted an equivalent in accordance to the agreement afore made. The result is that the undertaker has several coffins to supply. The colored men showed true manhood and valor, and died with their faces to the enemy. Much as we deplore the incident we can not help but appreciate the fact as demonstrated that the Ellis brothers carried in their bosoms the heart throbs of true manhood. Savagery and brutality must be met with the same—make the enemy of your life pay handsomely for your life! Race brutality and slaughter must be resented on whomsoever practiced. "Sure we must fight if we would reign. Increase our courage, Lord." Fight! Don't be a coward!

There is quite a difference between SOCIAL EQUALITY and SOCIAL INTIMACY. Bishop Lampton and other ministerial lights of less educational and "KNOW IT ALL" pretentions, who are playing to the galleries of the white folk's theater of race prejudice, had better take notice. We have the profoundest contempt for a sycophant—it matters little to us whether he wears the robe of a bishop or the crown of a king. The Saxon race has no patent on "SOCIAL EQUALITY;" since it is a good thing, let the race attain unto it. God made us social beings, and He also "made of one blood all nations of men." Let our would-be leaders urge the Negro race to make a society that people of any other social circle may be glad to enter. Yes, learn the race the difference between social EQUALITY and social INTIMACY. We was of the opinion that the great African Methodist Episcopal Church stood for "EQUALITY of man," but Bishop Lampton would teach the contrary.

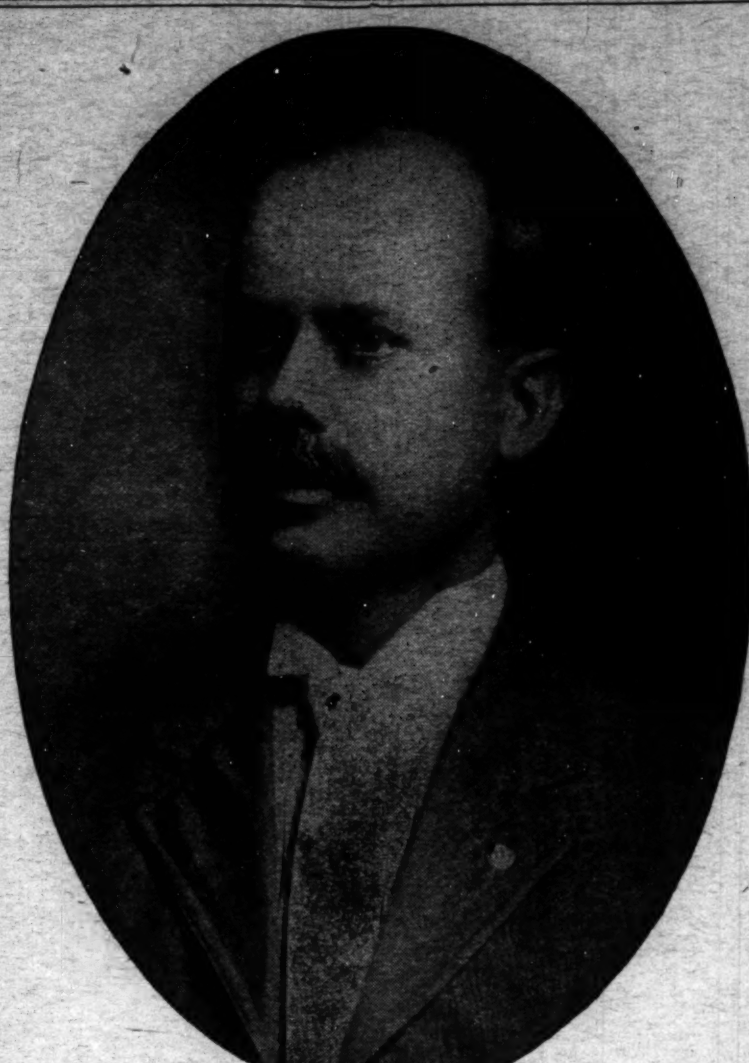
We think the Committee on Naval Affairs made a reasonable and just demand on having the Peary records placed before it, so that it may the more intelligently pass upon the proposed honors to the great traveler and explorer. The genuineness of Peary's discoveries, in some quarters of the globe, are as much in doubt as the genuineness of Cook's datas. We have no desire to settle or foment the differences between Cook and Peary, and his man Hansen. We would wish that it was a little more plain how Peary and his man "Friday" managed to carry over, or about, 9,000 feet of wire within five miles of the pole (and traveled, some days, many miles faster than Cook) and let it out without touching bottom. Can such deep sea sounding be scientifically made with wire? Would not a current take miles of wire, and yet no bottom be shown? We have been to sea and have seen sounding taken around Newfoundland, and confess that we fail to see the possibility of Peary's representation. But what is the North Pole to us anyhow, or, for that matter, to anybody else?

Have you heard the latest news from Mississippi's latest statesman, who wishes to immortalize himself? He offered a resolution on the Senate floor last Tuesday to declare null and void the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, on the ground that they were not adopted in the two Houses by a two-thirds vote, and, further, that three-fourths of the several states did not ratify them as required by the Constitution (a new discovery). The fellow that offered that resolution, and who made that wonderful discovery, is named Siss-on. If you will drop the S and substitute the letter H you will have what the name ought to mean to us and to the intelligent of the United States. It would then read "Hiss-on"—the man from backward Mississippi.

It cost rivers of blood to place those amendments to the Constitution, and Siss-on will find it no easy matter to have them declared null and void by the Supreme Court of the land. That's why we ought to have a Negro in the Senate and House. Siss-on is a miss-representative of the majority of the citizens in his district. "Hiss-on" Siss-on will find it no easy matter to shooting match of your ilk.

EDUCATORS.

There was a large number of educators assembled in this city last week, the majority being from the South, and of the variety of subjects discussed, of course the Negro problem was presented from a Southern point view, and by a Southernor named Bailey. A synopsis of the paper was published in the evening News, which we read very carefully. We do not hesitate to say that we was disappointed from the view point of the lerned professor's argument. He gave, not an educated, but a prejudiced view, of the race problem. His propositions, arguments and historical facts were erroneous and lopp-sided, and illogical. One could easily discern that Bailey had more arrogancy than wisdom, more prejudice than education; that his conclusions were jumped at, like a horse rushing into battle, and that he had not reached them by proper syllogism. When we noticed that among the delegates were some of our ablest educators, notably Roscoe Conkling Bruce and Dr. Lucey Moten of Washington, D. C., and Prof. J. R. E. Lee of Tuskegee, we felt sure one or all of them would rise to the floor and attempt, at least, a refutation of Prof. Bailey's incorrect solution of the Negro problem, but, alas, all was silence, and maybe, after a while, Mr. Bailey will be largely quoted as authority on the past, present and probable future degradation of the Negro race, and that maybe the price of the Negro's silence when they should have arisen and refuted the prejudiced views of the white professor. What were they there for anyhow? The only hearing that the Negro representatives got while here was the specially private one arranged by some of our local educators at Public School No. 17. Admission was on special invitation—none having been extended to a single Negro newspaper representative, minister, doctor or leading man of the local colored citizens. "What fools these mortals be." We wonder why Prof. Bruce and Prof. Lee allowed themselves to become a party to such a silly arrangement under the circumstances and in the capitol of a great state?



ASHER W. GRAY,
Candidate for Clerk of Marion County, subject to the Republican Primaries. He solicits your support.

A STORM BREWING.

That a great storm is brewing in the Republican party, and that there are breakers ahead for President Taft must be evident to even a novice. The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has assumed a proportion of importance that hopelessly involves not only Secretary Wilson, but the President himself. The storm center of this whole business is the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States, who is even now slowly but surely making his way westward to engage in one of the stormiest political campaigns ever known in the history of the government. There are hosts of Mr. Taft's friends, who are Mr. Roosevelt's enemies, and if the present occupant of the White House should show any disposition to again be a candidate, there will be plenty of trouble in this country for somebody.—The Richmond, Va., Planet.

* * *

We uttered a similar opinion to that of the Planet some time ago in these columns, calling attention to the ordeal of Mr. Taft and the embarassment of the "My poliices" (modus operandi) that they have met with general disfavor throughout the country. You see the mistake was made when the Republicans allowed President Roosevelt to name his successor, the first time in all our memory when such a thing was done—one President permitted to dictate the nomination of his successor. That is the first and foremost evil, and the next is the legalizing of corporate interests to do the little fellows out of business. High tariff serves the interests, not the people—it was made by the interests. Nelson W. Aldrich is the chief representative of the interests in the Senate, and "Uncle" Joe Cannon in control of the House, and the two are co-operating together for the good of the INTERESTS, not the PEOPLE. The President's Negro policy of elimination is certainly in bad, and throughout the country has had a detering effect upon all measures in state or nation affecting the Negro. His policy of "INTERESTS and white supremacy, and Negro degradation and demoralization, is a lopp-sided policy, and will, in the long run (in state and national politics), be the cause of plenty of trouble for President Taft and the Republican party.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

From Hon. C. A. Korbly, pledging his vote for the Semi-Centennial Exposition bill.

* * *

Mr. S. Garland, Downs, Kas., writes us an idea concerning "the solution of the Negro question." He thinks the government ought to do one of two things, viz: (a) Give the Negro a State; (b) provide the fullest protection. If the fullest protection for each and every Negro citizen cannot be given, then he insists upon a State being provided. Te suggests that the Philippine Islands be designated for the State.

* * *

Mr. W. R. Banks, of Ft. Valley, Ga., writes concerning a recent visit to that place of the grandson of the late Frederick Douglas—Joseph Douglas, the violinist—who recently gave a recital at the Ft. Valley High and Industrial School.

* * *

Mr. N. D. Slatter writes eloquently of the approaching seventh annual session of the National Association of Teachers in the Colored Schools, to be held nevt July 21-27 in Oklahoma City. Prof. J. R. E. Lee, of Tuskegee, is corresponding secretary. Mr. Slatter is of the opinion that this will be the banner year for the association.

* * *

From the Dixie Publishing Co., Moravian Falls, N. C., speaking of a new book on "The Negro's High Standing in the Bible," printed and sold by this company for the sum of 50 cents. Mail orders soliicted.

* * *

Mr. E. Combeck, of Honesdale, Pa., sends a renewal subscription for the paper and says "Yours is a strong defender of our rights, bold in its declarations and firm in its convictions. I wouldn't do without The Freeman."

* * *

Mr. S. W. Freeman, of Palistine, Texas, writes interestingly and sends complimentary copies of some of his poems, which he contributes to The Freeman, to be published soon.

* * *

Mr. J. P. Winstead, Chicago, writes an order for an increased number of copies of the paper to be sent weekly. He says that The Freeman is a great favorite with the people in his district.

* * *

From Edmonton, Alberta, Can., expressing delight with and enclosing a check for The Freeman. Says that Mr. Robinson's ad for a wife, published some time since in the columns of The Freeman, was fruitful of good results to Mr. Robinson. He is married now. It pays to advertise in The Freeman.

* * *

Mr. John T. Jones, of Robinson, Ill., sends check for a renewal of his subscription, and says, "I think The Freeman is the best paper published."

* * *

Dr. Majors, Chicago, reassures us of his continued friendship and interest in helping us to keep up the business end of The Freeman. The doctor is a jolly good fellow.

* * *

Mr. Price Terrell, Omaha, Neb., says The Freeman grows weekly in the affection of the citizens of his city and that he is delighted to be able to order an increased supply for his customers.

* * *

Mrs. L. L. Weaver, Alliance, Ohio, says The Freeman is a favorite and sends an annual cash subscription.

CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR SPEAKS FOR EXPOSITION BILL.

Representative E. L. Taylor, Jr., of Ohio, made a very vigorous speech in behalf of the proposed National Negro Exposition for 1913. There is little doubt that it will bring results. He said many good things for the colored people, and they are grateful for the words of hope and help.—Omaha (Neb.) Enterprise.

TAFT WILL NOT REMOVE H. W. FURNAS FROM HAYTI

Washington, March 9.—Henry W. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Minister to Hayti, will continue to serve in that position during the administration of President Taft. Furnas is one of the best-paid men from Indiana in the government service. He is a colored man and a brother of Dr. Sumner Furnas of Indianapolis.

Today a delegation from Kentucky, including Senator Bradley and the three Republican representatives from that State, called on President Taft and asked that Furnas be separated from the service and the place given to Albert White, a Louisville colored man. White accompanied his boomers to the White House.

The Presdent told his callers Furnas was making a fine record; that his services are altogether satisfactory, and that there will be no change in the Haytian ministry. He said he would try to find another place for White.

Furnas formerly was consul at Bahia, Brazil, where he married a German white woman. He was promoted solely on merit to the position he now occupies.—Indianapolis Star, Associated Press Dispatch.

Hoosiers, white and black, rejoice and are glad for this bit of news, as it is truly "rendering unto Ceasar the the things that are Ceasar's." Dr. Furnas has indeed made a fine record, one of the best ever made by any of his predecessors, and therefore merits the gracious, kind consideration given him by the Persident at this time. We ourselves are especially gratified at this result, as all along it has been our contention that Dr. Furnas should be let alone and given the full opportunity under the present administration, and we believed then as we are certain now that we exprest the opinion of the majority of the citizens of Indiana irrespective of race. Our heartiest appreciation is hereby exprest to the President. We also extend our congratulations to Dr. Furnas.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Madame Azalia Hackley will soon give a recital in this city....Attorney S. Joe Brown, of Des Moines, delivered an address at St. James A. M. E. Church on last Sunday night....The Elite Dressmaking Parlors have been opened at 491 University avenue, by Mesdames Bessie Miller and Zelia Reynolds...."Ethiopia Shall Stretch Forth Her Hand," an oratorio, will be rendered at Pilgrim Baptist Church in April, with Messrs. Miller and Monamous, managers....Quite a number of children are down with the measles and scarlet fever....Mrs. T. H. Lyles delivered a sermon on "Temperance" on last Sunday afternoon, at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. She also sang one of her many compositions, entitled "Lost, after All"....The Social and Literary Club were entertained by Mrs. Mildred Sharpe on last Tuesday night....Mr. Clifford A. Smith, the popular tailor, has gotten out some very unique blotters advertising his business. Mr. Smith has a very neat and well-equipped tailor shop at 10 East Eighth street. He is an enterprising and persevering young man and has made his business a success. His trade mark has a widespread reputation....Get The Freeman each week from Henry Crawford, the popular news agent....Jack Johnson, in an all-star caste, is playing to crowded houses at the Star Theater this week....Mrs. Lottie Evans, assisted by Mr. John H. Charleston, will give a drama at Tschida's Hall, on April 1, for the benefit of Crispus Attucks Home. This drama, entitled "A Rag Doll," promises to be quite amusing.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.
Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral services of Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, who died Monday afternoon, February 28, after an operation for appendicitis on Thursday, February 24, were held Wednesday of last week at 2:30 p. m., from the residence, 2813 Chicago avenue. Mrs. Cunningham's death was quite a shock to her many friends. She leaves to mourn her death a devoted husband and seven children, together with a host of friends. Father Lethod, of St. Thomas Mission, conducted the services....The M. T. E. Art Club, of this city, was entertained last week by Mrs. La Rue, at her home, 2912 Harriet avenue....At present it is known that among the many high school students that will form the different graduating classes for the coming June will appear two colored students, Miss May Preston and Mr. Raymond Cannon, both from Central High....Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion boxer of the world, made his last appearance here until after his coming fight with Jeffries, last Saturday evening, at the Dewey Theater, where he had been appearing daily. Mr. Johnson left this city for St. Paul, where he appears this week with his smile still on him....Mrs. M. D. Boyd, sister of Mrs. C. A. Ford, has left the city for California, where she will remain for an indefinite time....The Zion Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. M. W. Withers, is going to give a $400 rally, Sunday, March 13. The amount will pay the debt on the property. The Twin City pastors and congregations are all invited to be present. Special services will be held during the entire day, also special music at each service. At the morning service the pastor will preach to the B. B. I. and the Y. P. L. S. Clubs of the church. In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the Rev. McDonald, D. D., pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church of St. Paul, will preach, assisted by the Revs. Carter of Bethesda Baptist, Wharton of St. James A. M. E., and Roberts of St. Peters A. M. E. The music at the service will be rendered by the Pilgrim choir, under the direction of Mrs. Minor....A birthday party was given for Miss Alka Steele, of 2806 Ninth avenue, South, Friday evening of last week. Quite a number of young people were present, and spent an enjoyable evening. Miss Steele received several beautiful presents....Confirmation services were held at St. Thomas Mission, Wednesday evening of last week. Several were confirmed....The Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Carter, of Bethesda Baptist Church, extended their letters of dismissal from their former church in Ripley, O., to the church, last Sunday morning, and were received into the church as full members....Mrs. Jos. Quinn is on the sick list....The house social and concert given Wednesday evening of last week, at the residence of Mrs. Neal, under the auspices of St. Peters A. M. E. Church, was attended by quite a number....Mrs. Ada Beasley, of 2817 Chicago avenue, is on the road to recovery....James F. Wilson, of 2818 Chicago avenue, is The Freeman correspondent and agent in this city, and would like to supply more people each week with a copy of The Freeman, and also receive your news items before Saturday evening of each week....The Afro-American Women's Charity Club met last Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. G. P. Sims, 2941 Pillsbury avenue. The ladies would be glad to receive visitors at any of their meetings, to see what good work they are doing....Don't sit around home, gaping into vacancy. Buy a Freeman and read the news. It will open your eyes to many interesting topics. You can get one at any time from James Wilson.

DECATUR, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The congregation of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church are contemplating building a new church. The date has not been fixed as to when they will start their new structure....Mrs. A. Lawhorn, of Tacoma, Wash., was called to Decatur by the illness of her father, Mr. James Browner....Mrs. L. Garner will return to her home in Detroit, Wednesday....The Allen League, Jr., gave an interesting literary program Thursday evening. There was a contestant debate between the young folks....Mrs. Julia Burrmell has returned from Springfield, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Vantrice....In spite of the severe weather, Mrs. Margaret Wright Spayne's recital was quite a success, there being nearly $30 door receipts. Mrs. Spayne wishes to thank the friends for their interest in wishing her success. The audience, though small, was quite an appreciative one. Prof. Schocer gave two selections that were pleasing.

BONHAM, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Rev. Glasgo preached a noble sermon, Sunday....Prof. W. E. Johnson is somewhat ill....Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson are rejoicing over a fine girl....Mrs. Dave Johnson has opened a swell millinery department on South Center street.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

Concluded from Page One.

nals of the city will be associated editors. Students of the schools are also expected to contribute articles to the paper.

A story of mechanical drawing, by Prof. E. K. Jones, was the principal article of the last issue, and there also appeared the names of those on the roll of honor for the month of February.

Many of the citizens are commending the paper for its neat appearance and newsy notes from the various schools There is a bright future for the paper, and it is to be hoped that it may have a large circulation. The representative of THE FREEMAN wishes it much success.

Prof. W. P. Annis, head of the department of English, celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday anniversary on Tuesday of this week. He has ben in the public schools of this city for thirty-seven years. Mr. Annis is one of the most popular men in the state. He is state grand secretary of the Masons, and has held this position for a number of years. He owns a beautiful bungalow at 2404 West Magazine street and is the father of three fine children. His wife is an admirable housekeeper. A number of his friends called to see him on the occasion of his anniversary and wished him many years of success and happiness.

There is a revival wave going over the city of Louisville among the Baptists, and this is due to the presence of the Rec. Dr. Charles S. Morris, of New York, and the Rev. W. H. Skipwith, of Philadelphia. Dr. Morris is one of the most widely known Baptist ministers of this country, having served as pastor of the Abyssynia Baptist Churen, New York, and has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Africa. Rev. Skipwith was formerly of the Second Baptist Church, Atlantic City, and is a graduate of the Union University, Richmond, Va. He has been on the road for five years in evangelistic work. He is a member of the Philadelphia conference, and from this organization he started as a song writer and singer. He writes his own songs and has traveled from Maine to California, singing in both colored and white churches. He is generally known as the singing evangelist.

Dr. Morris began the series of revivals on Sunday morning and a large crowd heard him His sermon was eloquent and full of religious thought. He quoted the Bible and showed evidences of deep research in theology. After his sermon a number came forward asking that they be further instructed on how to pray and have their sins forgiven. There were communion services in the afternoon, followed by services at night.

Dr. Morris will speak every night this week, and large crowds are expected to be present. Rev. Skipwith will be present to lead in the singing. The Rev. John H. Frank, pastor of the church, is much pleased with the outlook, and a great many are expected to be added to the church during the revival.

* * *

Mr. and Mrs. Scharklet entertained last week at their home on West Magazine street.

* * *

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bridges on West Walnut street.

* * *

Miss Jennie Hillman, a popular actress of the "Smart Set," is stopping with Miss Salome Worthington.

* * *

Miss Irene Bowman of Fisk University musical department is reported to be doing nicely in music.

* * *

The eighth grades of the nine district schools are taking domestic science and manuel training at the Central School.

* * *

Mr. Thomas Johnson, one of the leading tonsorialists of Cleveland, Ohio, passed through the city enroute from Moboile, Ala., his former home.

* * *

Miss Beaulah Wright, a graduate of the Normal School, is becoming quite a favorite as a writer of favors for dinner parties. She is netting a neat little sum weekly for her work.

* * *

The T. F. B. C. will give a Japanese party on March 27 at Odd Fellows Hall. It is expected to be one of the swellest affairs of the season. Everything will be strictly Japanese.

* * *

It is reported that the Rev. Leroy Ferguson is making rapid progress in the East in the interest of the new parish house that is in progress of erection at Eleventh and Walnut streets.

* * *

Mrs. Allie Carroll Gore, formerly a teacher in this city, and a very highly respected young woman, died in Indianapolis last week and was buried here. She was a graduate of the Central High and Normal schools, and taught in the night schools.

* * *

The Rev. L. G. Jordan is making a special effort to make Easter a big day with all the Baptists of this country. He is sending out Easter literature to every superintendent of the Baptist Church with a view that they will have exercises on this day, commemorating the ascension.

* * *

Miss Marguerite Sutton, class of 1909 of the Central High School, is in the city. She has been at Battle Creek, Mich., for several months, and returns home to see intimate friends. She was valedictorian of the class and delivered a brilliant graduating address.

* * *

The monthly meeting of the Teachers' Institute was held last Saturday in the chapel of the Central High School, Ninth and Magazine streets. The principal address was that of Prof. W. P. Welch of the manuel training department. He spoke on "The Influence of Manuel Training on the High School."

Robert E. Malon of Hampton Institute, Virginia, spoke on "Soil Plant Life and School Gardens." Prof W. H. Perry presided at the meeting, and he said that there was a splendid program being arranged for the month of April.

* * *

Mr. T. F. Blue, the librarian at Tenth and Chestnut streets, issued the monthly report for February on last Saturday. The report shows an increase of 1,215 books borrowed over that of February of 1909. The report follows:

Attendance	3,926
Number of books borrowed	6,516
Average daily circulation	283
Number of registered borrowers	5,464
Average attendance at story hour	99
Number of reference questions looked up	291
Per cent. of fiction	40

* * *

The passage of the school commission bill by the state legislature is hailed with tidings of great joy. It is said that it is the hearlding of a better day for the public schools of this city . While it is generally known that several of the schools are up to the expectation, others are not. It is consumation devoutely to be wished that the incompetent heads of the schools, if there be any, will be displaced and the corps of teachers may proceed upon lines consonant with civil service rules, where merit alone obtains the fruit of supervision, capacity and intelligence.

No one familiar with the situation will deny that the Pearl street school and the Western school are models of efficiency and discipline. The crying need of the colored school department is for the promotion of a colored supervisor of experience and ability to work in colored schools, then may we look for better and more satisfactory results. Profs. W. H. Perry and S. B. Taylor would be admirable men for the places.

Is Your Health Worth 10c?

That's what it cost to get a—week's treatment—of CASCARETS. They do more for you than any medicine on Earth. Sickness generally shows and starts first in the Bowels and Liver; CASCARETS cure these ills It's so easy to try—why not start to-night and have help in the morning?

CASCARETS 10c a box for a week's treatment, all druggists. Bigest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

New Easter Music

FREE CATALOG
Special Prepared by
OLIVER DITSON CO.
CONTENTS

EASTER HYMNS
Men's Voices Mixed Voices Women's Voices
Catholic Service
EASTER CAROLS
Men's Voices Mixed Voices Women's Voices
EASTER ORATORIOS AND CANTATAS
EASTER SONGS AND DUETS
Descriptive List Solos Duets
EASTER SERVICES FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN MUSIC
Anthems Oratorios Cantatas
GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC
PALM SUNDAY MUSIC
Solos Anthems

Choral Directors and Choir Leaders, send for this Free Catalog at once. Greatest offering ever known in Easter music. Send allorders direct to the

Wm. Foster Music Co,
3025 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

The Hallbacks are headliners at the Crescent Theater, New York, this week.

Fred A. Morgan, advance representative of the Lowery-Morgan's Mighty Minstrels, is in the city.

Tommy Carter, with the Taylor-Farrell Trio, is filling an engagement at the Grand Theater this week.

Williams' Jubilee Singers, under the personal direction of Charles P. Williams, are making a tour of the world.

The Juggling Prince's first time in vaudeville and the Juggling Javlins are on the same bill at the Gaither Theater in Cincinnati, Ohio. A riot.

Mr. Howard Bell, formerly of "In Old Kentucky," entertained Messrs. Burke and Grundy Friday afternoon at his residence, 243 Brady street, Detroit, Mich.

Williams and Walker's Chocolate Drops—King and Bailey, Mamie King, Marie Bailey, Maud Turner and Lillian Rose—spent a few days' lay-over in this city.

The Blacks, Perry and Lillian, are doing very nicely on the independent circuit, making a hit everywhere. This week they are appearing at New Bedford, Mass.

Al C. Strodder, formerly in vaudeville, is now devoting his time to writing a new play. Mr. Strodder is now located in Chicago and can be found around the Pekin Theater.

C. Pewee Williams, wizard tramp juggler, will close with the Rockwell's Sunny South Company and go to Cincinnati and take a much-needed rest, then go in vaudeville.

J. B. Norton, the reliable stage manager of Allen's Minstrels, is well pleased with the show and would like to hear from Kener and Lewis and Alonzo Moore. Write in care of THE FREEMAN.

Bob A. Kelley has been playing the best houses in Chicago for several weeks. Kelley and Catlin will not go any farther west, owing to the continued illness of Mrs. Kelley, but will play east to New York as soon as the lady is able to travel.

Sydney Kirkpatrick, of the Richards and Pringle's Minstrels, left Thursday morning for Jacksonville, Fla., to join the company. Mr. Kirkpatrick was called to the city on account of the serious illness of his mother, who is now much improved.

Mr. William Barker, business manager of George Archer's, Williams and Walker's Chocolate Drops, left the city Wednesday for Chicago, en route to Milwaukee, Wis., where the act will fill a week's engagement at the Crystal Theater, beginning Monday.

Mr. John H. Wickliffe, trap drummer, of Louisville, Ky., regrets to hear of the death of his friend, Mr. Richard Bradshaw. Mr. Wickliffe and Mr. Bradshaw were very warm friends and it was quite a blow when he heard of his death. In behalf of his wife and friends Mr. Wickliffe sends his heartfelt sympathy.

The Dixie Park, the largest, finest and best colored park in the South, opens Easter Monday, March 28, 1910. The Whitman Sisters will open the park theater. Moving pictures, roller coaster, dancing, skating, band concerts, vaudeville, Ferris wheel, flying horse and various other attractions will be on, also a big ball game.

L. Don Bradford, the celebrated scenic artist and original producer, will leave Pensacola this week for his headquarters, Jacksonville, Fla. He has done much fine work in Pensacola and has been the town tonic for his great paintings. He has fitted up the Belmont Theater and the Eldorado beautifully and also made a real palace of Mr. Joe Morris's residence.

The Wang Doodle Four is meeting with much success in the East. The Bangor (Me.) daily papers say: "But the greatest thing in the musical line that has been seen at the Gaiety for many a day is the Wang Doodle Four. This quartet of colored singers, dancers and comedians fairly convulsed the audience with laughter during the twenty minutes that they were on the stage. This act alone is worth the price of admission."

Clever Billy Young has just finished the Capital City time, Des Moines, Iowa, Ft. Dodge and Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Jewell Theater, Omaha, Neb., and opened March 3 independent at the Majestic Theater, South Omaha, Neb., under Manager Stewart, with the Thompson time to follow, in a double turn with Butts McDonald, a young, spicy comedian, good dancer and fine singer. The team will be known as Young and McDonald, the Colored Senators.

Bradford and Veneter, with their Zulu act and singing their own songs, which has set the South on its head, have opened in the Globe Theater, Norfolk, Va., for a three weeks' run. Mrs. Bradford sends regards to Lew More and Ethel Jacobs and says we will be back when the sun shines on both sides of the street and half way down the alley. She sends her regards to Julia Turner and Alberta Perkins. Bradford wants to know why don't Joe Brown and Billy Starks double, and says: Richard Mathews, quit changing partners and practice what you preach.

BOOKING AGENCY.

John Alfred Spotts Amusement Company, Topeka, Kan. Booking any and everything, anywhere. Managers wanting the best service, write. Performers, send open time. Colored acts of all kinds, write.

DEATH OF LEW JOHNSON AT GRAND FORKS, B. C.

Lew Johnson, well known in the show business and lessee and manager of the Grand Forks Opera House, the only opera house at Grand Forks, died at his home February 27, after an illness of seven weeks. Mr. Johnson had lived in that city for eleven years.

REEVES AND BRANCH.

Now in vaudeville, are making good in Michigan and Canada. Grace Branch, the charming singing and dancing soubrette, is carrying things her own way with the favorite song, "Swanee Babe," and her musical number entitled "The Dance of the Demon."

Dock Reeves, the musical wonder and eccentric comedian, is a drawing card and the audience greets him with loud applause when he appears. Regards to all friends and my wife, Madam Charlotte Reeves, en route in Florida as Mrs. Elsie Jennings. And to my friends who miss me in the theatrical business and have been inquiring my whereabouts, I will endeavor to explain. It's the same old story that happens to a great many of us in this business. After the separation of my wife and I, I continued to run my own show, "The Mysterious Black Cat's Eye," then I joined hands with a lady by the name of Edith Upthegrove. Shortly afterward she took ill and died. After her death I went East. There I joined hands with Miss Grace Branch. The team will be known as Reeves and Branch in the future.

THE AUDITORIUM AT PHILADELPHIA.

This week the Skinners, Vernon and Emma, in their original act, "Coon Courting," head the bill. The supporting bill includes Arthur Pace, the monologuist and minstrel boy; Miss Eva Alexander, singing and dancing soubrette, late of the Smart Set Company, and Miss Carrie White, a local star, in illustrated songs.

The extreme conditions of the strike, which has involved over 75,000 union and non-union employes, has affected business to some extent, so much so that some of the theaters are anticipating a suspension of business because of the strike of union theater employes. However, business along the "Boulevard" has not been affected so much as that in other sections of the city.

We were favored on Monday of last week by the presence of President Leon Williams, of the C. V. B. A., and Director Bob Slater, of the same organization, who were in Philadelphia on business.

Last week's bill received an extraordinary amount of favorable comment, especially the work of the Claybrooks, who headed the bill.

KING AND BAILEY HEADING WILLIAMS AND WALKER'S CHOCOLATE DROPS.

King and Bailey and company, of Williams and Walker's Chocolate Drops, scored one of the biggest hits of the season last week at the Orpheum Theater at Cincinnati. Their act being entirely different from most colored acts in vaudeville, as their singing and dancing are above par, also being the youngest colored comedians, their future looks very bright. After their engagement at the Orpheum the Mystic Shriners had them to play a specialty at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, where they received many encores.

They featured Ione W. Lawson with the song, "Wait Until Tomorrow." Particularly noticeable was the fact that they carry their own drops and their costumes are superb.

THE PROFESSION AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The people of this city were treated to a grand surprise Monday evening, Feb. 28, in a musical comedy called "George Washington Tyler Discovering the South Pole," written and staged by Mr. Rufus Anderson.

After the opening chorus Miss Marguirite Carter, of Chicago, sang "Honey Boy," which brought the house down.

Mr. Jimmy Drake, the tenor, sang "Garden of Roses," which was a scream.

Of the vaudeville acts Little Dimples, of Chicago, done some very clever singing and dancing.

Then the original Boe entertained in his singing act, "That's the Time."

Miss Violet Anderson, the celebrated prima donna of the company, sang "Good-Bye, Sweetheart," amid rounds of cheers.

Mr. Rufus Anderson is doing the comedy role in the village cop. The chorus—Ernstine Lee, Lena Moore, Corela Lee, Mamie Ewing, Alberta Gamble, Joe Williams, Geo. Johnson, Edw. Steward, Frank Brown. In the last act enters Geo. Washington Tyler, the discoverer of the south pole. They play in St. Paul this month and Corela and Ernstine Lee will do a singing act which they are now rehearsing. The wardrobe was designed and made by Miss Carrie Ransome.

Jack Johnson and Joe Walcott are at the Dewey Theater this week and the city is in an uproar. The streets in front of the theater are crowded after every performance to see Jack enter his auto. Jack and Joe put on some very lively bouts for the fans. Walcott is just the man to make Johnson fast, as Joe Walcott is just as fast as he ever was, but the punch is not there any longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson are the guests of Mrs. Emma Taylor Jones while in the city.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR "IDA MAY."

We are away down in Alabama this week, playing along the gulf coast. The weather continues very mild and the boys are enjoying the balmy spring breezes.

Ed F. Peat, grotesque singing and dancing comedian, joined March 4 at Pensacola, Fla. He is making a hit nightly singing "Come After Breakfast, Bring Along Your Lunch and Leave Before Supper Time" and doing a solo buck.

Our saxophone quartet, composed of Messrs. Fred Kewley, soprano; Robert H. Gant, alto; William Phillips, tenor, and J. S. Singleton, bass, continue to hold their own, playing everything from classical to rag-time. Mr. Singleton has the crowds talking nightly with his marvelous execution, playing "Asleep in the Deep" as a saxophone solo.

Willie Kimball, singing and dancing comedian, joined March 4 at Pensacola, Fla.

After the show March 4 at Pensacola, Fla., our entire bunch were handsomely entertained by the members of the El Dorado Theater, headed by Messrs. Wm. Benbow and John Hall, in the Elks' Hall, the entertainment lasting into the wee small hours of the morning. The members of this company will long remember it as one of the swellest affairs of the season.

Robert H. Gant sends regards to R. Roy Pope and Jennie Hale.

P. L. Jenkins was recently on the sick list, but is up and at work again.

Prof. McCamon, who is favorably known as "Mack," continues to wear the smile that won't come off, because his band continues to score and is the talk of the day.

The Watts Brothers' team of acrobats joined at Pensacola, Fla., March 4.

Wm. (Tuba) Thomas sends regards to A. G. Jones.

J. W. Hamilton closed in Mobile, Ala., to spend a short vacation with his family in Chicago.

Robert Miller sends regards to Eddie Day, of Williams' Troubadours.

J. J. Perry, of this company, was received with a warm outburst of enthusiasm by his many friends March 4 in Pensacola, Fla., his native city, but his joy was saddened by finding his mother dangerously ill.

Wm. Tisher sends regards to Geo. Wilson, Pewee Williams, Sam Stevenson and Ray Edwards.

MR. RUSSELL CORRECTED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF J. ED GREEN'S CAREER.

To the many readers of THE FREEMAN and also Mr. J. Ed Green's many friends: In the issue of the 24th inst. Mr. Sylvester Russell, the well-known critic, in writing the obituary of Mr. Green was very much mistaken in his data and personal knowledge concerning his career. I feel it is my duty to correct. He was not forty years old. He was born in New Albany, Ind., Nov. 24, 1872. Regarding his recent illness, I don't feel that the profession owes anything to Dr. Brown for his attention to Mr. Green. If so, I am able to settle. The doctor assured me he would do all he could for him, and it is evident Mr. Green's condition was worse than he anticipated. However, he was brave until the end came. When I received the news of his death I was expecting him to arrive in Indianapolis, where I was playing.

That the military play "Capt. Rufus," which the critic claims was copied from Mr. Bob Cole's "Shoo-Fly Regiment," I am forced to say is not true. I have in my possession the first manuscript, which was written in 1902; the following year I read and corrected same. I won't say anything about the trouble between the late Mr. Hogan and Mr. Green; that has been forgotten some years ago by everybody concerned excepting Mr. Russell. The critic never called to see Mr. Green during his illness, has never been associated with him, can only write from the information of others and what he thinks.

I want to thank Mr. Green's many friends in and out of the profession for their kindness, and especially Dr. J. M. Brown, who was his faithful friend and medical adviser, and mine. He kept me informed of Mr. Green's condition, looked after his business affairs and assured me when my presence was needed he would wire. My husband began to improve and the doctor thought the crisis had passed. He lived in luxury, but not at the expense of the doctor. He had some staunch and inseparable friends who did all they could for him, and among them were Mr. S. H. Dudley, Mr. Thomas McCain, Mr. Marion Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker. My husband was a member in good standing of North Star Lodge No. 1, F. and A. M. All of the above friends I hope will accept my sincere thanks for their kindness, and I shall teach my son, J. Ernest Green, that he may always appreciate his father's friends. Thanks to Mr. S. H. Dudley and company for their visit in a body from South Chicago.

JENNETTE M. GREEN.

Very Truly Yours King & Bailey

King and Bailey at the Colonial last week were forced to open the bill; some of the scheduled acts failed to appear. Their regular place on the card was fifth. The act was a riot, being the first colored act to cause especial comment during the entire season. The team was a favorite throughout the week. The newspapers were a unit in their predictions that this team is ripe for stardom and should be put out in a company of their own.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER,

OR THE PASSING OF TWO OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ENTERTAINERS.

By Uncle Rad Kees.

That one can never tell in this life what is apt to happen from one day to another is undoubtedly a very true saying, and is worth giving a few silent considerations at least, if taken only as it should be in its literal meaning.

In 1900, when Williams and Walker were seen in one of their best and most extravagant offerings, "The Policy Players," the following season the "Sons of Ham," and the next season, of 1903, in the one piece, "In Dahomey," that, during its New York run on Broadway, called for the outpouring of New York's "elite" society. Who, then, would have thought that the members of these great popular plays today would be cast almost to the four winds? In the language of Bert Williams himself, sanctioned, I dare say by the entire outside world, I would say "nobody," yet down deep within the very hearts of every member then of these companies, if the truth were known, was hiding his conscientious scruples.

During the particular season of "In Dahomey," the possible birth of the first feeling of dissatisfaction between Williams and Walker was discovered, and all subsequent seasons thereafter have proved the discovery to be, not of the Dotor Cook (North Pole) order, but more of that genuine "backwoods," "handkerchief head," "gouffa-heel" type that carries with its every consideration destruction and evil omen. The indelible friendship and business integrity, which had so nobly accompanied them to the fore, had begun to wane, and each to the other had become a mere pretense, until, finally, the bold issues of family considerations set in, together with other natural and supernatural influences, until today we have but a shattered recollection of "what might have been."

When we consider the fact that our courts are so constantly besieged by petitioners in divorces and other unpleasant features of domestic life, we can but ask ourselves the question, "what does it pay to gain the whole world and lose your soul?" Yet, when the final "taps" are sounded and the general summing up time has come, perhaps in the balance, if we are honest in our calculations, we will find that many of our noblest deeds were done long before our domestic adventures.

Ernest Hogan often told me of his many adversities, also of how, when and where he first came in contact with Williams and Walker and much of their adversities, and, summing it up, I'm thoroughly convinced that in those days, when ten pennies bought for both a "mincess" pie, when one ham sandwich was a feast for two, and when you could easily tell when both were home by seeing either's shirt hanging on the line—those were the helcian days! Brothers never stuck closer together, sweethearts were never more loyal to one another, and the cruel winds that had blown many a sad tale of sorrow and sadness only found them tight and tighter together. As friends, husbands, brothers or wives, they were but one. To hit either meant to kill both, for they could be seen in joy and in misery, in poverty and in pain, sticking, yes, tighter than glue, and with that sturdy, unswerving bulldog tenacity they hung on and on together till at last, perhaps, they were stung by cupid and led to the altar of speculation and uncertainty.

That little humble, non-pretentious cot, which, heretofore, had made ample provision for two, was now insufficient. The famous "thin dime" which they carried in their hands, because they had no other place to put it till 'twas spent for pie, was cast to the winds. The ever-filling ham sandwich and the one loyal shirt that had held them up so nobly at many a bold social adventure were now no more. Defying, as they did, the oldadage that mother used to teach of—"Don't give up your old friends for the new!" But the scenes had changed, the situations were different, and the secrets that had heretofore been confided in but two must now be revealed to four. The laws of the universe give every woman the right to pry into the affairs of her husband, if she so desires, believing that when a husband takes unto himself a wife that he is or should be fully capable of knowing just how much of his personal and private affairs to confide in her; for such a wife cannot mean a husband good when she seeks to tear down in one day what it took that husband years to build up. Yet women are but frivolous creatures at the most, antagonistic and selfish to a fault; vain in almost every competitive undertaking, and deceitful beyond conception; and yet we find men every day spending much valuable time and money fighting over the petty objections of women, and what are the results? When the last gun is fired and the death-dealing battle smoke is cleared in that general recapitulation we find there are none among the killed or wounded save the husbands. Then the dead are but a memory, the surviving but a possibility, for when that dread disease of gossip sets in time alone is the doctor.

That Walker was the frains of this famous team goes without question, and unless you have come in direct contact with the various phases of the Negro theatrical you can have no conception of the great responsibility placed upon such a person. Yet I dare say, through it all, there is not one person who can conscientiously say that Walker was ever other than a gentleman, and those of you who have had any such experience at all in this line will agree with me that to be a business man and a gentleman in the theatrical business is almost an impossibility. Mr. Walker was one of the few colored stars who was constantly trying to open new and greater fields for the colored performer—always hiring and holding as many together as was in his power, giving each a fair opportunity of showing what he could do, and always having a smile, a pleasant word and good advice for all, giving at all times a bit of cheer where the heart seemed sad, and ever ready to intercede and demand wherever there was a possibility of advancement; but the man wasn't iron, and evidently had many troubles of his own, some of which he will, no doubt, carry to his grave.

That the theatrical world has missed Ernest Hogan, so does it also miss George Walker, and I will miss Bob Cole when he has passed into history. Each has fought a noble battle, and while they are unquestionably an honor to their profession, they are certainly a credit to their race. On the other hand, Bert Williams is undoubtedly the greatest Negro comedian the world has ever known, dealing, as he does, with the old original ignorant darkey, who has always been the source of much amusement to the more up-to-date generation.

Bob Cole is just as great a comedian as Bert Williams, for the simple reason that his work is aside and entirely away from that of Williams. It is far reaching, more versatile, and certainly on lines more [illegible] today and tomorrow which naturally call for more mental and physical conception. In other words, you've got to know what Bob Cole is doing before you can laugh at him, and you laugh at Williams before he does anything. Williams has no business brains, and for that reason can not afford to be too independent. He showed this last season, when he refused an extensive vaudeville engagement alone, whereby he could have given more consideration to his former friend and partner, and possibly have made it possible for them to come out again this season together and proved his loyalty to the worth, at least, of Walker. But in his wild rush for all the glory he has staggered out upon the field of public opinion, taking a most daring opportunity at wresting the laurels from indefensive Walker, and thereby making himself monarch of all he surveys. But it is all a mistake and we sincerely hope that Williams will see it before its too late. He has certainly added nothing to his credit by starring in "Mr. Lodes Kole," a second-class third rate company, but has rather shown conclusively that the hand of Walker played a much greater part in the construction of their previous successes than was ever credited to him.

We all know the sterling worth of Jesse Shipp as a playwright and promoter, and have every faith in his ability to "deliver," if allowed, as a "free-lance," but Rogers (?) I dare say you'd have to sharpen your pencil to a queen's taste, and be sure it was a genuine "Ko-hi-nor," to figure him as a playwright or an actor. The chances are, then, that he'd be excess baggage at any figuring. I've seen nothing great that he has ever done, except, possibly away back in 1900, when he was then the chief pencil pusher for "Howard's American Magazine," a colored periodical that lived and died in Philadelphia. It was this season that Williams and Walker appeared in "The Policy Players;" hence, my first discovery of Alex. Rogers. This is what he said of our friend Walker:

"George Walker dresses well, and that's about the best thing he does. He is an exceptionally bad singer, a very tame dancer, and, judging from the language he uses, a very rusty scholar. We claim that in many instances appearance is everything—this is one of those instances, as Mr. Walker has a very extensive wardrobe."

This was simply an expressed opinion of Roger's idea of Mr. Walker, and the devil only knows what his silent considerations were, yet when we understand that Rogers was afterwards taken into the executive department of the affairs of Williams and Walker and allowed to direct and re-direct, with such a feeling down deep within his heart, you can then have a slight idea of some of the troubles of Walker.

No organization, corporation or combination has ever lived long enough to be understood that has tolerated for a moment a member of that "rule or ruin" type, and now that "Mr. Lode O'Kole" has been both ruled and ruined, after it closses its season in Brooklyn this week, let us hope that Bert Williams may hike himself away from that mephistopolistic atmosphere, and in some recluse bungalow stop! look! and listen! and, perhaps, he may hear the winds of popular opinion telling him to beware; then, in the solace of his silent considerations, we hope, ere he starts out again, that he will have considered those days of the "thin dime," those days of the "mincess" pie, those days of the "ham sandwich" and the "one shirt," and, if from a business standpoint, he should find it too late to consider Walker, then strike out alone—for Bert Williams—that we may all feel that you are thus with us in our best hopes for Mr. Walker.

DES MOINES, IA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Wm. Woods, 834 Eleventh street, has returned from Moberly, Mo., where she was summoned to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Collins....Mrs. Jas. Mitchell left for St. Louis Thursday evening to be with her sister, who is ill.... On last Friday evening a very interesting program was rendered at the Burns M. E. Church, under the auspices of Club No. 1. A large crowd was present....The Des Moines Negro Lyceum met on Tuesday evening with Miss Estella Wilburn. A very interesting debate was discussed. The subject was, Resolved, That the legal profession has done and is doing more for humanity than the medical profession. The affirmative speakers were Attorney J. B. Rush and S. Joe Brown, and the negative speakers were Dr. A. J. Booker and John Williams....The Knights of Pythias will have their annual sermon preached at the Corinthian Baptist Church by the Rev. T. L. Griffith....Rev. Richardson, of Sioux City, preached a very interesting sermon at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, on last Sunday evening. He will preach at Rev. Griffith's on Monday evening....Miss Norine Wheeler, who has been visiting Mrs. Branch for the past six weeks, returned to her home in Keyetsville, Mo., Sunday morning....Mrs. Davis, of West Second street, has been sick for some time, and is not improving as rapidly as her many friends would desire to see....Tom Bass, of Mexico, Mo., was in the city last week to make arrangements for the disposal of some of his horses to the cavalry at Fort Des Moines. ....Miss Edith Conley has returned from Webster City, where she responded to a telegram stating that her grandmother was seriously ill....Rev. Daniels, of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, is preparing to start a series of revival meetings in the near future.

LOOK! LOOK!

If you haven't got it get it at once, the latest Coon craze success entitled, "A Stalling Coon," by Bert Davis and Harry McHall. Price 25 cents. Address Invalid, Westgard's music store, Duluth, Minn. Free copy and orchestration to professionals sending late programs. No cards. Davis and McHall's Office, No. 1221 Fourth St., Superior, Wis.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY—In "His Honor, the Barber": Wheelinp, W. Va., Virginia Theater, March 14 to 16; Youngstown, O., Grand Opera House, March 17-19.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Pittsburg, Pa., week of March 14.

WANG DOODLE COMEDY COMPANY—Week of March 14, Waterville and Bath, Me.

RICHARDS AND PRINGLE'S FAMOUS MINSTRELS—Under direction of Holland & Filkins: Tallahassee, Fla., March 14; Quincy, 15; Bainbridge, Ga., 16; Thomasville, 17; Albany, 18; Americus, 19.

WHITNEY'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Logansport, Ind., March 21-27.

McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Princeton, Minn., March 13, 14; Mora, 15, 16; Ogilvie, 17; Milaca, 18; St. Joseph, 19, 20.

CONGO KING COMPANY—Under direction of W. A. Thomas: Mystic, Iowa, March 14; Numa, 15.

GLAZIER JUBILEE COMPANY—Under direction of J. Louis Johnson: Sheridan, Mo., March 14; Ravenwood, 15; Guilfird, 16; Mound City, 17; Tarkio, 18; Braddyville, Iowa, 19.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Allen, Arthur
Bryant, Howard
Banks, Jesse
Bowen, Howard
Bunch, Gordon
Paul and Mamie Carter
Davis, Prof. Lumford
Eldredge, W. L.
Edwards, Chas. T.
Edmondson, B. E.
Fisher, Lonnie R.
Ferris, Bismark
Freeman, F.
Grigsby, Grigsby
Grigsby, Norris
Grayson, Frank
Hamilton, J. W.
Holden, V. P.
Henderson, Lee
Hill, Arthur
Imne, G. W.
Jenkins, Harry C.
Jones, Rastus
Leo, E. Dube
Langford, Willie
Bros, Lacey
Miller, Joe
McDuff, Littleton
Mayfield, Wm H.
Michaels, Dan
Meadley, Frank
Rhone, Geo. B.
Strauder, Al
Seals, H. F.
Vassar, M. B.
Washington, H. B.
Williams, Geo. A.
Woods, Fountain A.
Wise, Jim

Ladies' List.

Allen, Toolsri
Jones, Mrs. Rastus (2)
Wolff, Mrs. Hanna
Thomas, Clodie
Lane, Lon

The Auditorium

1426 South St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Refined Vaudeville and newest Motion Pictures. Colored vaudeville performers in all lines send in your open time. Independent booking. Address H. Sam Reading, 2104 South street.

NOTICE.

First-class shows, minstrel companies and vaudeville artists, communicate with Pekin Theater, Hot Springs, Ark., 420 Malvern avenue.

HOTEL UPTON!

BOSTON, MASS.

130 Dartmouth and 5 Harwick Streets, opposite Back Bay Station. Long Distance telephone in each room. Phone, Tremont 41771. All outside rooms steam heated, $1.00 and upwards. Special rates to Railroad men and Theatrical people. Good service at regular restaurant prices. Upton Investment Co., Wm. H. Hardy, President; Israel Rue, Treasurer.

Ford's Hair Pomade

Fifty years of success have proved the merits of this preparation.

What is more attractive than a beautiful head of hair? It has been the ambition of women in all ages. The use of **Ford's Hair Pomade** makes stubborn, harsh, kinky or curly hair **softer, more pliable** and glossy, easy to comb and arrange in any style desired consistent with its length, as long as the Pomade remains in the hair. This result may be obtained by one thorough application according to directions. Two to four applications a month will keep the hair in satisfactory condition, and two to four bottles, regular size, are usually sufficient for a year. Directions with every bottle.

Ford's Hair Pomade

removes and prevents dandruff, invigorates the scalp and keeps it from getting harsh and dry, stops itching and prevents the hair from falling out or breaking off and gives it new life and vigor. Absolutely harmless. Used with splendid results even on children and infants. Delicately perfumed, its use is a constant pleasure. A most satisfactory toilet preparation for ladies, gentlemen and children.

Don't buy anything else alleged to be "just as good": if you want the best results buy **Ford's Hair Pomade.** Look for this name—"Charles Ford, Prest."—on every package. If your druggist or local dealer cannot supply you with the genuine, we will send you

One bottle, regular size, for					$ .50
Three	"	"	"	"	1.40
Six	"	"	"	"	2.50
One	"	small	"	"	.25

We pay postage and express charges to all points in U. S. A. When ordering send Postal or Express Money Order. All orders shipped promptly on receipt of price.

Address

The Ozonized Ox Marrow Co.

118 West Kinzie St. Chicago, Ill.

FORD'S HAIR POMADE is made only in Chicago by the above firm.

Agents Wanted Everywhere

WE HAVE ALL SEEN SORE HEADS AND CRANKS

On the old woman order before now. Tell 'em to come to my face and make their objections and criticism. Jack Johnson, Mgr. World's Colored Champions, Kansas City, Mo.

WANTED!

Trombone and Cornet players for Howe's Great London Shows. Others write. State all in first letter. Opens soon in or near Jacksonville, Fla. Boozers save stamps. E. N. WITT, Richmond, Mo.

J. E. Adams Wants

A few more people to fill out Band and Minstrel Show for the John H. Sparks World's Famous Circus. People to double band or stage. Salaries must be low, but they are SURE. Treatment first class. Easy work. State what you can do in first letter. Show opens April 1. Boozers & kickers save stamps.

J. E. Adams, - 105 North 13th St., St. Louis, Mo.

LOWERY & MORGAN'S

MINSTRELS!

TOMLINSON HALL!

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Monday, March 14.

25 FUNNY COLORED PEOPLE 25

Big Band and Orchestra

The following well known Stars are included: The Beechums, The Garlands, Junk Edwards, Miss Carrie Gilbert and Prof. Antone Victor's Celebrated Orchestra—Featuring the Undisputed World's Greatest Cornetist,

Prof. P. G. Lowery

and his Grand Challenge Band.

Watch for the Grand Street Parade!

At 10:00 a. m.,

On Indiana Ave., Senate Ave. and West Street.

ADMISSION; BOXES AND FIRST FLOOR, 50C; BALCONY, 25C

Grand Ball After Show. Tickets on Sale at Freeman Office.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ABOUT BOB WHITE'S DARK TOWN SWELL MINSTRELS?

This question is being asked all over the South. This big spectacular minstrel is appealing to lovers of the musical in more ways than one. It is dazzlingly gorgeous to the sight, enchanting to the ear. Well, you will laugh as you never laughed before. Master William Fountroy makes the grown-ups as well as the children love him, and Mrs. Estella White, who in her adventures through the various beautiful lands of her dreams follow them with as much interest and excitement as possible. Fred Regis is a comedian of class. When you think you have laughed enough at the first part and are exhausted, along comes Happy Tom Coles, and you start all over again. Then Joseph Hagerman shakes the stage with his lion bass. Mamie Burns is here, making good.

THE DIXIE MINSTRELS

A very bad winter in the South, but the Harrison Brothers' Dixie Minstrels have been playing to S. R. O. Prof. Willie Timmons, our able band leader, is well pleased with his band and orchestra, and his daily concerts are attended by hundreds of auditors who know real music when they hear it, and our little band is the town talk after each concert. Mr. Jesse Henderson's "Georgia Wedding" has made a hit over the whole South, and it's a screamer from start to finish. All the boys send regards to George B. Rhone and say write, care of THE FREEMAN. Messrs. Brown and English have ordered two new acts, and will be seen soon in vaudeville. These two boys are advancing fast in the profession, and if the onward step is kept they will soon reach their goal at the top of the ladder called Fame. D. W. Batsell sends regarde to Ferdinand and Jeffries and John Wilson, and says write. Mrs. Effie Moore sends regard to Thomas Hicks Miss Mary Armstrong and D. W. Batsell send regards to Eugene Duton.

THE HARRISON BROTHERS' DIXIE MINSTRELS.

They are still playing to full houses, headed by Brown, English, Ward and Singleton, and they are meeting with great success in their funny sayings and jokes. Their big wedding act is a scream, headed by Mrs. Raymond Wallburg, Richard M. Brown and Jess Henderson. Miss May Armstrong and Mrs. Wallburg are the coming soubrettes. Miss Effie Moore, the leading lady, is receiving from three to four encores at every performance. They have Prince Wamego, the Hindoo physical culturist and Oriental magician, with them, and he keeps everybody guessing; and as for tricks, he is a coming Kellar. W. M. Mack is a new member to the band, and is well liked by the entire company. Singleton is receiving encores nightly with his big song hit, "I Think I See My Brother Coming Now." English is still tearing the house down by storms in his monologue. Brown and Ward are the real guys when they make their appearance in the dancing contest. They are all well and doing fine. The band leader, Willit Timmons, sends regards to George Rhone, late of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, and would like to hear from him. Regards to all in and out of the profession.

ARCADE THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

Air Ship Webb, stage manager, has staged a minstrel first part with which the people were very much pleased. Mr. Air Ship and Mr. Wiggins played the extreme ends, while Mr. and Mrs. Kersands closed the first part. We have with us one of the cleverest buck dancers ever seen, little Carrie Hote. Also Malloy, Redmond and Hankin, doing a hot act called "No More Slow Dragging Around for Me." They are taking two and three encores every night. They are followed by Wiggins and Wiggins, who have them laughing from the time they hit the stage until they leave. They are clever dancers, good singers and hard workers, and would like to hear from Kid Thomas. Then follows the father of all colored comedians, Billy Kersans, in his monologue, "You Sent for Me; That's Why I'm Here"—a grand reception as soon as the orchestra plays his introduction. Then follows Mr. B. E. Edwards with his great tenor voice, singing one of his own songs, "Meet Me To-night." Mr. Air Ship staged one of his own acts, assisted by Miss Petrona Lazzo and B. E. Edwards, and sends them away screaming every night. Miss P. Lezzo would like to hear from the Two Johnsons. Mr. E. Butler and Julius McGrau would like to hear from Sam Davis.

ALLEN & ALLEN AT THE AIR DOME, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

After a short rest the Allens are once more heard from. We are in the land of sunshine, where the oranges grow—in the beautiful State of Florida. We have just finished a three weeks' engagement at the Polite Vaudeville Theater in Jacksonville, and are now in our third week at the Air Dome Theater, Jacksonville. We are put in on big stock shows at the Air Dome—some of our big screaming shows, the same as we use on the road with Allen's Troubadours. We opened the big stock company at the Air Dome Monday night, February 14, with the strongest and largest ever seen or witnessed in Jacksonville, Fla.—a company of all star actors, each and every one an artist in his or her particular line; each and every one has starred or featured some of the largest companies throughout the country. The house was packed to its capacity, all waiting and applauding for the curtain to rise fully thirty minutes before the time. The show was a scream from start to finish. Each and every member of the company was applauded every move they made, and received encore after encore until it prolonged the program, and the crowds are still the same night after night. The title of the big opening show Monday night was "The Darktown Swells at Liza's Birthday Party. Cast of characters: The New Orleans Swell, Lew Hinner; the Belle of Kentucky, Mrs. G. W. Allen; the Sport from Chi, Roy Johnson; the Pride of Georgia, MissJ. Burrows; the Big City Fashion Plate, John Lewis; Chicago's Favorite, Madame Watts; the Little Queen of the West, Baby Watts; Liza's Father, the Old Timer, Slim Henderson; Everybody's Favorite, Liza, Billy Earthquake; the Old Original Lize Bone, G. W. Allen. Olio: Allen and Allen, "Are You Going to Coney Island?" Johnson and Watts, "Can You Blame Me for Loving That Man?" Miss T. Burrows, "Pony Boy." The afterpiece, "Little Booker T.," by entire company. Songs used in this big production are as follows: "Die in Georgia," "Just One, Deary," "Miss Malinda," "Running Wild," "Love Me All the Time," "Monkey Honeymoon," "The Rose Said to Me," "I Didn't Ask, So I Don't Know," "Carrie from Carolina," "Oh, Liza," "If Your Heart Is Right." All acts are produced, staged and managed by G. W. Allen, with able support in the music line from Prof. Redman's orchestra of five pieces, which is a dream, composed of Prof. Redman, pianist; Prof. Haywood, lead violinist; Little John, cornet; Ralph, slide trombone; Joe White, trap drummer. Handy Charley, stage carpenter; Slim Henderson, stage manager; Joel & Glickstein, proprietors. By request of the managers we have lengthened our engagement two more weeks in stock shows at the Air Dome, after which we will start to getting ready our road show for thsi season, Allen's Troubadours. The company will number ten to fourteen people, palying nothing but colored theaters and parks. Would like to hear from all the people who were with Allen's Troubadours the season of 1908 and 1909. We will open our season about March 25, so managers of all colored theaters and park write at once, for our show is a drawing card for any theater orpark. Keep your eyes open for Allen's Troubadours. Would like to hear at once from Father Gibson, James McCoy, E. H. Davis, Will Owens, Cox and Cox. Write at once. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Address G. W. Allen, Air Dome Theater, Bridge street, Jacksonville, Fla.

WHITNEW MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

Review by Comedian Tim.

Everything happens for the best, and I really believe it, most especially in the case of the Whitney Musical Comedy Co. Why do I say it? Because had not the Southern Smart Set Company disbanded in the way that it did we, no doubt, today could not look with pride upon the Whitney Company, but we find this company today touring the state of Indiana, playing all the leading towns from one night to a week-stand. Not only is this company acting, singing and dancing in these towns, but they are pleasing the public, packing the houses and getting the money. Did I say we can look with pride upon the Whitney Musical Comedy Company? Yes, Why? Do we not find Whitney, in the hardest part of a theatrical year (financially), moving along day after day, week after week, with twenty-four people besides himself—manager and advance agent.

To most theatrical troups playing this season of the year, with a company of twenty-four stopping in the best hotels, paying railroad fair, it would mean a financial suicide, but to Whitney, No! Why? Because he has the goods. The Whitney Musical Comedy Company is a new epoch in the history of colored show business, from the fact it is a repertory of musical comedies, giving its patrons on each week stand a new show nightly in music, song, comedy, scenery and costumes. The book and story of each play being written by S. Tutt Whitney himself, while his brother, J. Homer Tutt, assists in writting the lyrics—each play being staged and produced under Whitney's own personal direction.
ney's own personal direction. The music is composed by T. L. Corwell, not only a thorough musician, but a manager of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company as well, and a conscientious, congenial, farseeing one, too. That is why I say we can and should look with pride upon this company of sweet singers, dexterous dancers, real actors and comedians, headed by Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt.

The Whitney company is making a place in the hearts of the theater-goers throughout the old Hoosier state, as well as a pathway for those of our race who may follow in a business of the same nature.

February 25th was a lucky day for the writer, most especially when one has the honor to be in the company of the one and only Elwood C. Knox, the congenial manager of THE FREEMAN. So it was on the 25th I, as a guest of Mr. Knox, went to Shelbyville, Ind., on a quiet trip to see the Whitney Company in action. However, on our arrival in the city of Shelbyville, we were met by Mr. Whitney, who would hear to nothing but that Mr. Knox and the writter pertake of a light luncheon before show time. But the luncheon was light in name only, as the table was loaded down with all the vintage from the culinary department, and I could tell each time the waiter would enter with a different dish that Mr. Knox was enjoying the meal from the way his everyday smile would brighten up—not saying anything about Whitney and the rest of us, there being a coterie of beautiful young ladies at the table also.

After luncheon, if one would call it that—but I call it a good old-fashioned dinned, as the woods is my home—we made our way to the theater. We had no sooner reached the lobby when Mr. Knox was gretted with a hearty welcome and hand-shake, not only by Mr. Corwell, the manager of the Whitney Company, but also by Mr. Friday, the theater and resident manager. Naturally, I stopped to listen to the conversation between these three gentlemen while Mr. Whitney went to make ready for his part in the evening's entertainment. While I stood listing I overheard Mr. Friday tell Mr. Knox that the Whitney Company had not only pleased the patrons of his house better than most attractions that had played there this season, but that they had drew a larger house nightly than any other repertoire to his knowledge, and he would play them to a return engagement any time he could get them. At that moment I heard the strains of the opening overture, so as not to miss anything, I left Mr. Friday, Knox and Corwell still conversing.

The overture is over, up goes the curtain, and I see a chorus of beautiful girls, ten in number, that can sing and did sing. In fact, they were all that flashing teeth and nimble feet could make them. The play offered was the "Star of Zanzibar." I will not say this show was the best I ever seen, but it was far from being the poorest. The star of Zanzibar was easy worth the price of admission.

The story of the play tells of one Sam Slick (J. Homer Tutt) trying to emigrate the colored folks of America to some foreign port in Africa, and to do this he needs the help of one "Ezy" Amos (Salm Tutt Whitney). Amos decides to undertake the trip, and in some way he finds an old tin star, which he wears on his breast. Much to his surprise, as well as Slick's, when they arrive in Africa the natives mistake Amos for the king, whom they had been taught would come from some foreign land wearing a star on his breast, and thus being taken for a king he saves his friends from being eaten up as well as himself. The book by Whitney, the music by T. R. Corwell. The music is bright and tuneful, fitting the nonsense plot of the play.

Act first is filled with funny situations, and the acting of the same by Mr. Whitney makes them more than funny. The musical numbers of act first are "Away to Zanzibar," by company; "Back to Cincinnati," by Sank Simms (an old song, but the way Mr. Simms did it, why it was new); "O, My Miss Mandy," by Maybelle Brown, assisted by the Dixie Quartette, and I must say I never seen or heard any thing better. "I Aaint Going to Let Nobody Make a Fool Out of Me," by Salem Tutt Whitney and his own creation. From the way the audience kept bringing him back one could easy see the song as well as the man behind the singing was a hit. A coon love song by Mabel Dehearde was pleasing. "A Yankee Doodle Coon," by J. Homer Tutt was great. In fact his wardrobe easy makes him the Beaubumel of stage land since the days of George Walker. A little March song by Miss Marshall was well received. The first act ended by the street scene closing in one with up-to-date, refined vaudeville.

Will Bynard, in a piano specialty, I must say different from any I ever heard or seen; Nettie Taylor, in a banjo and cornet selection, was really out of the ordinary; Mable Dehearde, in a singing and dancing specialty of class, and class, too, what I mean; The Dixie Quartette in several pleasing numbers, the members of which are J. J. Weaver, H. S. Nooten, Frank Jackson and James Noodson. A quartette of such singers cannot help but be good. The last act on the vaudeville bill being Salem Tutt Whitney and Company in a one act playlet, "The Darktown School Master," and a laugh overtakes all smiles for Whitney in this. After a short intermission the orchestra played a pleasing selection and the curtain was raised for the second act.

Act second opened with a jungle song by the company. It was during this act that merriment broke loose, and if ever I seen an audience laught it was Whitney's auditors. Laugh is hardly the word to use in describing what Whitney elicited from the time he made his first entrance to his last; convulsion would be better. A Zulu king song and drill by Whitney and chorus was a laugh getter. Dohomian queen song by Whitney and Nettie Taylor was good. This, the second and last act, closed with a song—"Stars and Stripes Forever." The orchestra struck up the go-out march, after a three hours' show of solid fun and amusement. The audience hated to leave from the palace of music, song and comedy. I would say much more had I the space, for a company of singers, dancers and comedians like the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, although I will add, should the Whitney Musical Comedy Company play your city don't fail to see one of America's funiest and best actor comedians, playright, producer and designer—the one Salem Tutt Whitney.

HENCE BROOKINS,

Prop. of Hence's Hotel and Bar, 210 Washington St., Seattle, Wash.

Hence Brookins, the sole proprietor of Hence's Hotel and Bar, located at 210 Washington Street, Seattle, Wash. A newly furnished hotel and bar. The finest equipped place this side Chicago. Brand new. Bar fixtures cost $2,000 alone, matched with a complete saloon paraphernalia. Thirty-five neatly furnished rooms comfortably heated by steam. Electric bells in each room running to and from the bar. A nice cafe. Pool and billiard hall. Polite bar boys, waiters, and all special brands of wines, liquors and cigars in connection. Good music from 7 p. m. until 7 a. m. each evening. I also solicit the patronage of each and every performer, professional and business man and woman coming to Seattle. A place where any man can bring his wife without feeling ashamed, because it is one place in the Northwest that is a credit to the Negro race. Centrally located on a prominent street right in the heart of the city, right near all the leading playhouses—two blocks of the Orpheum Theater, five minutes' walk to the Majestic Theater, five minutes' walk to Pantages Theater, two blocks of the Union Depot. Take car in one-half block of Hence's to any part of the city. So, should you chance to visit Seattle, don't fail to give me a call. You will find McClelaand the housekeeper courteous and obliging to the guests. Mr. Ed Leftridge, manager of the buffet, is a jolly good fellow, and always ready to entertain his customers.

THE MEANING OF VARDAMAN'S DEFEAT.

The legislature of the state of Mississippi does not sonction the views of ex-gGovernor James K. Vardaman, and has refused to commission him to represent the state in the Senate of the United States, where he was so anxious to go and officiate as one of the state's spokesmen on the grave questions which that august body of statesmen from every part of the country has often before it for deliberate adjustment.

Mr. Vardaman cannot say that he was not given every chance to convince the chosen representatives of the people of Mississippi that he could serve the state better than any of the other candidates that offered their services, for the contrary is true, not only as to the chance he had before the legislature, during the six weeks before the choice of the right man was decided upon and made by the members of that assembly, but also as to the patience the people had with him in his speeches on the lecture platform, and in the circulation of his weekly paper, The Issue, during all the time since he was defeated in the Mississippi senatorial primary election by Hon. John Sharp Williams.

No man ever worked more diligently for a coveted honor at the hands of his fellowmen than Mr. Vardaman has done during the past several years to become their representative in the Senate of the United States, and, although he used every cunning speech known by those who are cleverest at the game of politics to win, he has been defeated, yes, turned down, humiliated and put in his place and compelled to seek an honest living, like the "red necks," in some other way than drawing pap from the public crib, which he has such an unquenchable hankering for.

Mr. Vandaman was defeated as he ought to have been defeated by a man who stands for loftier ideals than he does; he was defeated as he ought to have been defeated to save Mississippi from the shame it would be to have a man like Mr. Vandaman as its representative in a body of men who represent and personify the spirit of the best side of the life and thought of the American people.

Mr. Vandaman is a very narrow-minded man, and would be out of place in a body of men like that of which the United States Senate is, and should be composed of. He is fitted, neither by nature or by training, to build a nation, for he is coarse and cunning, like the ordinary leader in a tribe of Indians, who builds nothing for himself nor for his tribe, but who is always ready to cause an attack on the husbandry of a peaceful neighbor. He is not constructive, but destructive in his ideals of national life, and the best thing that his more thoughtful fellowmen could have done for him was to put him in his place, let him work his field and make his crops like the other "red necks" are doing, as they have just done by turning him down once more.

The meaning of Mr. Vardaman's defeat is that the thoughtful people of Mississippi have come to the conclusion that it is time for them to put an end to the hopes and aims of all such narrow-minded men as Mr. Vardaman. They realize what it makes them appear to be in the eyes of the world to permit Mr. Vardaman to go on, as he has been doing, pretending that the people of Mississippi believe that the state can never take its place among the progressive states of the Union until the XIVth and XVth amendments to the Federal Constitution have been repealed, and they have very properly made up their minds to set themselves right, by letting the world see that, although they gave Mr. Vardaman all the chance he could ask for with which to secure their consent to represent them, he could not obtain this consent if he continued to try as long again as he has been trying to do so, for they don't view things as Mr. Vardaman does and never will.

It means that they have made up their minds to put a stop to the play of the demagogues in the state—those unscrupulous politicians who thrive in the profession of politics by stirring up race feelings among the ignorant masses without regard for the harm this deviltry does to the economic interests of the commonwealth.

In such deviltry Mr. Vardaman has been a great and most notorious chieftain, doing more to demoralize industrial pursuits and to destroy confidence in husbandry among the agricultural toilers in the "Bayou state" than any dozen of the demagogues in the South. In places where, before he began his malicious preachments of ill-will, there was pleasant and harmonious relation between the races, today there is distrust and vexatious feelings of antipathy, and hardly any way in which the white and Negro races can get along together as friends and fellow citizens in Mississippi. Indeed, it is pretty generally believed that Mr. Vardaman is largely responsible for most of the terrible antagonism existing between the races throughout the South today.

Things that the whites had no reason to think about, much less to fear from the Negro people, Mr. Vardaman would, in his mischievous mind, imagine as possible and cunningly work into gaunt specters of imminent dangers and menaces to accomplish the ulterior, selfish objects of his political advancement. There was never any complaint on the part of the whites which Mr. Vardaman did not himself first originate, and then put it in the mouths of those who complained about the Negro afterward. What Mr. Vardaman lectured against and stirred up ill-feelings about have always been spooks and hobgoblins of his own melicious creation. In his defeat let him pity himself, for he deserves defeat and a long retirement in which to repent for many sins he has committed. The Negro people all over the land are glad that he has been put into his place, and their fervent prayer is that his retirement may be permanent.

AN INJUSTICE TO THE LATE J. ED GREEN.

By One of Our Critics.

In justice to a successful life, and for the benefit of those who might judge according to the words of a prejudiced writer, I wish to state a few facts. I might state to begin with, that while my partner and Andrey Lyles have written but little ourselves, we have been fortunate enough to come in contact with the foremost writers, actors and showmen of our race. If I am not mistaken, it has given us a better opportunity to know the real facts concerning plays than the average Negro critic who makes a hobby of stepping beyond the bounds of a dramatic critic and gives vent to his personal feelings.

I must ask the apology of the readers for attempting to answer a man who is so bigoted, and not recognized by the aspiring showman, and is least thought of by those who have reached the top; and for the benefit of those that have contributed a meal, or a dollar or so, for a write up by Mr. Russell, and thinks his writings are true, I would say that Capt. Rufus and the "Shoo-Fly Regiment" are similar dice, to the fact that they are both military plays, but this fact does not signify that one was stolen from the other. We will admit this, and will further state that all writers now must refrain from writing military plays, lest they be accused of theft or piracy.

Capt. Rufus was written in 1904 for the Black Patti show, and Mr. Green wrote the same and fitted the principal character for Mr. Robt. Kelly, who was to star the same the following season, but, owing to the management not deeming it wise to launch a musical comedy, the following season, instead of Mr. Kelly starring Capt. Rufus, Weber and Rush put him out in "Queen of the Jungles," and Mr. Green was engaged to stage same, and the original manuscript of Capt. Rufus, dated and now in the possession of Mr. Kelly, was laid aside, and the only change made in the original manuscript was to change the comedy to suit Mr. Harrison Stewart, then the star of the Pekin Stock Company.

Now, as to when the Shoo-Fly Regiment was written, you'll have to ask Mr. Cole, but it was produced in 1907. No one ever heard of Mr. Cole reading Capt. Rufus before it was produced, so that eliminates him from any piracy, as his play was produced first. Mr. Green's play was written before Mr. Cole's was produced, so why accuse him?

It is simply a case of two men's minds running along the same channel. Mr. Green had practically nothing to do with the musical end of Capt. Rufus.

There are a few things a man should learn who wishes to style himself a critic. In the first place, comparisons are odious, and it is altogether unbecoming to compare the living with the dead, and for Mr. Russell, who styles himself our foremost critic, to refer to Mr. Green's financial conditions during his illness, of which he knew nothing, I will try and enlighten him, and the following facts can be verified by any one named:

To begin with, Mr. Geo. Liebrant, of the banking house of W. H. Bowers & Co., Thirty-first and State streets, set aside $15 each week for Mr. Green during his illness. Money was forwarded each week by his wife, and, together with this, he was a member in good standing of the Masons, Elks and K. of P., and I would here state that when Mr. Green departed this life he had an over account with his attending physician, who was also his friend and attended to all his business, and whom I understand has a case pending that will net the widow and son something like $5,000.

Now another responsibility the self-styled critic shoulders was the proposed benefit for the deceased at the Pekin, and to which Mr. Green was opposed, even if Mr. Motts had been kind enough to place at his disposal. If it had been Mr. Green's wish there were theaters in Chicago offered for the purpose. Thanking you for your space, I am

Yours very truly,
HONEY MILLER,
MILLER AND LYLES.

THE FREEMAN IN LONDON, ENG.

Copies of The Freeman can be secured in London, Eng., at Daw's Steamship Agency, 17 Green street, Charing Cross Road, W. C.

EAT AT SAMUEL E. GRAY'S
226 Indiana Avenue,
when in Indianapolis. Special rates to the Theatrical Profession.
Op osite The Freeman Office.

Vaudeville Act!
Written to Your Order.
Now released, "A Bargain Day in Africa," a real novelty act. Also "Her Tramping Husband." Address
SIMS & HARRIS,
412 S. Dearborn St., Mobile, Ala.

MUSIC
FREE CATALOG of the latest popular sheet and Instrumental MUSIC. Beginners' Instruments and books. Catalog free Write for one today.
THE WM FOSTER MUSIC CO.
3025 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED
Two strong clarinet players for the Billy Kersands Minstrels. E. B Dudley, 521 Bridge St., Jacksonville, Fla.

WANTED
Inside and Outside
VAUDEVILLE ACTS.
Must be First Class
Independent Booking
Concessions for Sale.
Colored pcpulation 35,000. Only exclusive colored park in the county.
Opens March 28th.
DIXIE PARK COMPANY,
Mobile, Alabama.

WANTED!
Forty performers—Florida Blossom Co.—Male and female musicians who double B. & O. or B & S. Performers whose application were not answered, write again, there were reasons. We will carry a two car show this season. Contract jumpers and boozers save stamps. Show begins rehearsing March 15, at Macon, Ga. Address Douglars & Worthey, 361 4th St., Macon, Ga.

WANTED!
For the T. J. Culligan's Jolly Jubilee Singers, soprano, contralto, bass and tenor singers. Ladies send photos; will be returned. Address care The Freeman. T. J. Culligan, Prop.; Horace George, Mgr. Chas. Rue, Butler Webster write.

WANTED!
To rent a first class piano player for fifty-two weeks or three hundred and sixty-five days each year, we never close. Our requirements are, you must be over eight and under eighty years of age, male or female, married or single, short or long, fat or thin, black, brown, yellow or chocolate, good looking or ugly, hard or soft, sweet or sour, sick or well, mean or good, doing fine or in hard luck, but you must deliver the goods.
Your salary here will be $12.50 per week; you will draw that on Monday of each and every week at 12 o'clock and at no other time, and you will get it. Now write what you can and will do. Do not misrepresent. We can use good useful people, male or female, at all times. Good performers will find a good, permanent home here; good salary and regular work. Trap drummer write; but big-mouth, side-walk, sure enough performers that hang around saloons and low down clubs and dives, who want to draw their wives' salary in advance to give to their cousins and other folks, will give this town a hard name.
We work colored people only and work to colored people only, and have 50,000 of them here to work on; have two of the finest theaters in the South. I am the only white man on the job. Address Frank McKenzie, Palace Theatre, 514 Milam St., or the People's Theatre, 211 Milam St., Houston, Texas.

Barton-Wiswell,
(INCORPORATED)
Will offer the following Colored attractions the coming season under the personal direction of S. H. Dudley:
S. H. Dudley
—IN—
"HIS HONOR, THE BARBER,"
Supported by "The Smart Set" Eastern. 50—People-50
Barton & Wiswell's
ALL STAR REAL NEGRO MINSTRELS.
40—Of America's Foremost Negro Minstrels—40
The Smart Set—(Southern)
—WITH—
Salem Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt.
30——People——30
—IN—
GEORGE WASHINGTON BULLION.
A few vacancies yet for good people. Address
S. H. DUDLEY,
Main Office 1358 Broadway, New York City, or care of "His Honor The Barber," as per route.

Packing, Shipping, Transfer, Storage,
New and Second Hand Furniture.
SHANK FURNITURE & STORAGE CO.
339 East Washington Street.
Auction Room 227-9 New Jersey St. Phones 2028
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

SEVEN PER CENT.
Accumulative non-assessable secured by some of Chicago's choicest real estate. If you will be satisfied for this amount send for booklet.
Western Assets & Liquidation Co., 4 E. 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

THE KNICKERBOCKER
A Club of Quality
Nashville's most exclusive resort for the traveling public. Headquarters for all Theatrical and Sporting people.
417½ Fourth Ave. North
M. D. DWIGGINS - - J. H. WENDELL

AMERICAN—EUROPEAN HOT AND COLD BATHS
HOTEL PLEASANT,
P. H. WOOD, PROP.
New with Modern Equipment.
Home Phone, B. 3244 9 and 11 Erie Street. TOLEDO, OHIO

In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

THE PASSING OF BATTLING NELSON.

By Jackson J. Stovall.

When the sun sank behind the western horizon in the Golden State of California on George Washington's birthday, a new champion was born. Battling Nelson, the battle-scarred hero of one hundred or more battles, relinquished the title of lightweight champion to Ad Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich. With his face literally cut into ribbons, his body bruised and besmeared with blood and practically on the verge of collapse, yet the dominating spirit of the durable Dane was unconquered. A moment after the gong sounded for the fortieth round, referee Smith seeing that Nelson was hopelessly beaten, stopped the bout and held Wolgast's blood-soaked glove aloft in token of victory, while Nelson begged pitifully to be allowed to continue the unequal struggle.

During Nelson's pugilistic career he met and defeated the best men in his class, including Jimmy Britt, Martin Carrole, Young Corbett, Aurelia Heuera, and Joe Gans. The latter he won the lightweight title from July 4, 1908. Nelson never showed good form in short bouts, but was conceded by many to be invincible over the Marathon route, before his defeat by Ad Wolgast.

The question now arises, can Nelson come back? In answer, I say, never. The old adage that youth will not be denied was proven conclusively in that contest. Thirteen years of wear and tear of hard training, together with the punishment he has received in various battles, has caused the Dane to retrograde. It is and has been since John L. Sullivan relinquished the title of heavyweight champion at New Orleans a hard matter to convince an ex-champion that his fighting days are o'er.

Among the challengers of the new champion was Joe Gans, the "Old Master." Gans agreed to post a forfeit of $1,000 to bind a match, and wager $5,000 on the side. Wolgast's manager has drawn the color line.

From the looks of things in the pugilistic field at present, Wolgast bids fair to remain champion for several years. When old age lowers the colors of Jack Johnson pugilistically, he will in all probability be the last of the colored champions. It is doubtful if a Negro fighter will ever be given the opportunity to battle again for the championship title in any division of pugilism.

WILL JACK JOHNSON LAY DOWN?

By S. Tutt Whitney.

Will Jack Johnson lay down to James J. Jeffries in their coming championship battle July 4? is a question that is being asked on every hand. Jeffries has never been accused of faking, nor has Jack Johnson a reputation for shady work. The question is, what would Jack gain by laying down? As the matter stands, Johnson has a little more than an even break on retaining the championship, in which event he will win a fortune and undying fame such as no other pugilist ever attained. He will be the idol of ten millions of colored people and recognized throughout the world as the greatest man that ever donned a mitt.

There will be no foeman worthy to question his prowess until age or dissipation robs him of his vitality. True, there are enough gamblers unprincipled enough to offer a small fortune for Johnson to lay down; but no thoroughbred sport who loves the game would be a party to any such transaction, even if they knew Jack had a cinch on winning. Should such a deal be consummated with either Jeffries or Johnson a party, it would kill the fighting game forever. It is true that though Johnson should lose to Jeffries he will still be the next best man in the world. Jeffries would undoubtedly retire in a couple of years, leaving Johnson again the possessor of the title. The winner of the fight will have the lion's share of the gate receipts, a percentage from the pictures and a lucrative theatrical tour. The sum accrued from these sources will undoubtedly be far in excess of any money that a few "sure thing" gamblers will be willing to put up. It is a safe bet, despite what the Hon. John L. says, that the fight next July will be on the level.

Prize fighting, while a legitimate sport, hardly ranks with the high arts and sciences. It is foolish to expect Jack Johnson to be a Booker T. Washington or a paragon of culture and refinement. While he is in the limelight, his every act is noticed, purposely misconstrued and exaggerated. Jack is a really good fellow, never a bully, and his errors of deportment are more the caprices of an overgrown schoolboy than a hardened sinner. Here's hoping that Jack wins.

THE FAVORITE WON FROM "THE NAYGUR."

A Prizefight Referee Who Saw His Duty and Done It.

By JOHN L. FOOTSLUG.

In a sporting resort in a large city in teh East a popular Irish pugilist was matched against a clever colored prizefighter. The Irishman was a red-hot favorite and his Irish friends bet in a large way that he would whip his black opponent. The referee was also an Irishman, and when in the first round the Negro reached the Irishman's jaw and the latter's head thumped the boards with a crash that seemed to preclude further contest, the following monologue by the referee as he stood over the fallen favorite counting the seconds, took place:

"One!" (In an undertone to his gasping compatriot: 'Come on, man, get out of that! Are yez goin' to let this black son of Ham say he knocked yez out?')

"Two!" ("Wirrah, man, can't yez raise yourself and listen to what I'm tellin' yez? Come on, get up!")

"Three!" ("For the sake of your fathers that bled on many a field, get up and wipe up the floor with this black smoke that's grinnin' at yez!")

"Four!" ("An, sure, are yez goin' to lie there slapin' while this limb of satan takes all the money? Get up, I say, afore I pull yez up!")

This sort of entreaty continued until, as the referee lingered on the final count, the badly dazed Irishman staggered to his feet, swung wildly at the unguarded Negro and fouled him over unexpectedly.

Quick as a flash the ever-ready referee sprang to the prostrate colored man, who, though dazed and very weak, was wildly struggling to regain his feet, and counted: "One, two, three, four, five and five is ten! You're out, you naygur!"

UNITED STATES LEAGUE.

By HARRY DANIELS.

Andy Lawson plans to have colored baseball wonders on the teams in his newly organized United States Baseball League. Does that foreshadow a revolution in the baseball circles of this country?

For years now since the tremendous rise of the national game, colored players have been frowned upon by the organized sport promoters. Skillful diamond performers have been forced to play on independent teams, making money in catch-as-catch-can ways, where they might, were it not for the peculiar shade of their skin, be rolling in the wealth which comes to their white brethren in the major leagues.

Major league teams journeying to Cuba have discovered that the crack colored teams of the island have been too much for them on more than one occasion. Mendoza, a wonderful Cuban twirler, was tipped off to Charlie Bancroft, of the Reds, and was about to join the Cincinnati club when it was discovered that he was a Negro.

There are several other colored players who have shown so much class in Cuba in the past three years that white critics have considered them the equal of white players of the same position. Lloyd of Foster Leland Giants, Petway and Preston Hill have shown such class. Grant Johnson, the mighty pile-driver of Royal Giants, also Dan MacClellan, the peer of the colored pitchers; Ball Dunbar Gordon are others worth mentioning as equals of the white players. Rube Foster, owner of this year's Leland Giants, no doubt would be the greatest attraction in this or any big league if given a chance. A Chicago paper had a whole page about Foster and compared him as follows: The speed of Rusie, the cunning and skill of Cy Young, and the nerve and staying powers of Matthewson all combined in one frame, and considered the greatest pitcher ever seen by fair-minded followers of baseball.

Billy Matthews, once a star shortstop and end at Harvard, has sufficient class to shine both in the field and at the bat on many a major league team. Instead, he plays with the fast team at Salem during the summer, simply because he cannot break into organized baseball with a couple of cleavers.

If Andy Lawson's new league makes good, and Andy says it will with any decent break in the luck, why will not the promoters of the organized game have to give heed to many of those dark-skinned brethren who can wallop the ball with the best?

The fans are interested in baseball. They applaud plays whenever made, irrespective of those who make them. Is there any reason to suppose that because a man is colored he will not be applauded for a good play?

With colored players making a success of it in the United States League, I look for changes in the opinions of many who have stood out against them in organized baseball. If colored players make good and show equal skill with their white companions, why is it not to be assumed that the day is not far distant when they will be holding down jobs in the major leagues?

The Cuban Star Baseball Association, of Havana, Cuba, under which name the pick of the best players from the Havana and Almendares teams of the Cuban League annually play throughout the United States under the management of Able Linares, will arrive in New Orleans about the end of March, and will make their usual tour through the States, being scheduled the entire month of June by Chicago, after which they will tour Canada and the Eastern States. The club will be made up of the crack players who so easily defeated the Cincinnati Nationals, Detroit Americans and the Indianapolis team of the American Association, and will be composed of Mendez, Pedrossa, Munoz, Garcia, Hermandez, Parpetti, Gonzales, Govantes, Buster, Santa Cruz, Royer, Magriant, Acosta and Gen. Sagua, who are the fourteen star players of Cuba. Aside from the wonderful playing of the Cubans, none of the men speak English, all of their coaching being done in Spanish. The schedule is now being arranged, and minor league, independent and college clubs desiring dates should address immediately Nat C. Strong, American representative, World Building, New York City.

JACK JOHNSON VS. S. H. DUDLEY.

Jack Johnson and S. H. Dudley have long been friends. They ran a "thirst slaker" in Chicago to a profitable business. Jack says he saw visions of riches until Dudley acquired a perennial thirst that increased faster than the profits. Not only this, Jack says, but Dudley was forever surrounding himself with a party of friends, telling them a funny story, and every time they laughed Dudley treated. It wasn't long before Jack sold his half interest in the saloon for a pair of boxing gloves, took on Frank Childs, made enough to pay his board bill, and started on his Marathon race for the championship. In the meantime Dudley's funny stories placed him in the front rank of colored comedians.

Christmas week the big champion and the premier comedian were playing theatrical engagements in Chicago. Thirsting for revenge, Jack succeeded in inveigleing Dudley into his big red devil auto. Dudley had scarcely seated himself when with a toot of the horn and a grumbling roar the auto shot away like the flash of a celestial meteor. To use Dudley's own words, the rides of Paul Revere and Sheridan were tame in comparison to this wild ride through the crowded streets of Chicago. A hundred times they missed a trolley car, a wagon or an excited pedestrian by the narrowest margin, each time leaving Dudley's nerves in a more shattered condition. Dudley begged, pleaded and prayed to Jack to slow down and use more precaution. When he had time to catch his breath he tried to make Jack see the chance he was taking. Jack only smiled and drove the car more recklessly. After an unusual burst of speed, a whiz around a corner and a sudden stop that doubled Dudley in a heap on the floor of the car, Jack said:

"Here's the theater, Dudley."

Dudley lost no time in scrambling from the car to the sidewalk, where he stood trembling for a few moments until he caught his breath. Then he treated Jack to the choicest assortment of "cuss" words in his vocabulary, dared Jack to get out of the auto, saying:

"If Jeffries can't lick you, I can!"

Soon there was a larger crowd outside than afterwards attended the theater. Dudley's valet came out and carried the comedian to his dressing room.

With a golden smile, a toot of the horn and a red streak, Jack disappeared around the corner, leaving a cheering crowd behind.

HONEY JOHNSON AND THE BEAR; ALSO, COUNEL, THE MONK.

This story is about three actors at present playing on the Moris Circuit in and around New York. The aud'ence at the American Music Hall, Newark, N. J., last Thursday night was treated to an impromptu act. The minor character and "supers" were taken by the stage hands and Manager DeDermitt. It is possible to use full names and titles as they appear on the bill, as the arforesaid actors left town to begin a week's engagement some place else, but not as a team. They were Honey Johnson, a colored performer, known as "The Man with the Golden Shoes" and "Midnight," and a small, inquisitive black bear. Midnight's turn immediately preceded Honey's and the bear was being corraled with its four companions by Miss Spellman, who puts them through their paces. Just as oHney began his skit, "Midnight" rebeled at being put back in his cage sooner than he thought was just proper and before he had a chance to spring some new "business" he had thought up himself, for he came back just as soon as Honey was getting warmed up. Now Honey isn't afraid o fa bear, in a cage, but the bear didn't have his cage with him when it presented itself on the stage with Honey. For a moment after Honey sighted the bear he was congealed with amazement and fright. "That's all right, its only Midnight," came in reassuring tones from Miss Spellman from behind the scenes.

"Too late for me. I ought to have been home long ago," panted Honey, thawing out, and he started for the dressing room at a clip which earned for him the man with the golden shoes. There he locked himself in. Meanwhile the four companions of Midnight, charmed with the success of his maneuvers, joined the strick and the scene shifters were stricken with some surprise, then stage fright. One of them tried to climb a painted tree in a spring scene and another dived through the door of the canvas representation of a cottage. Miss Spellman was unable to control her charges alone, so the manager hurried down through the audience to the stage door, entered, turned right around and hurried back and closed the door after him. It will never be known why he changed his mind about it so suddenly. He opened the door again a little, shouted some orders to the stage hands roosting on their perches and closed it again. The audience enjoyed it all immensely, as did Midgnight. Miss Spellman, alone and single-handed, finally managed to get the five bears into their cages and Honey, after being assured through his closed and locked door that the war was over, came down and resumed his act. The manager, however did not go back on the stage during the remainder of the evening. Last week Honey Johnson was routed on the same bill with Counsel the Monk. The Monk repated the story of the bear. Honey was again chased off the stage. This week Honey and the Monk are at the American Music Hall in New York, and Honey has marked out a map of the theater exits.

BASEBALL AT BIRMINGHAM.

The Birmingham (Ala.) Giants will be known hereafter as the "Acme Grays" of Birmingham. Hereafter when you hear of the "Acme Grays" just remember that they were formerly the Birmingham Giants.

An order has just been placed for a full set of new uniforms for the Acme Grays at a cost of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The Acme Grays won't be at their full strength before June 1, as several of their most valuable men are in school and can not oijn us before then.

Birmingham is something of a college for baseball players. Such men as Donald "Red" Foster, Griffin Hubbard (last season with the Black Bronchos of the San Antonio team), Steel-Arm John Taylor and J. A. Taylor (last season with the St. Paul Gophers) and several other well-known players graduated here.

Jack Griffin will have charge of Mr. Walker's team at Dallas, Texas, this season.

"Red" Foster, one of the greatest receiving first basemen who ever lived, will very likely be with Kansas City this season.

We noticed some time ago that a team from the East and one from the West (if our memory serves us right) were picked to be worldbeaters. With the same amount of money to secure the men there can be gotten together a stronger team than either and below the Ohio river, at that. There are men scattered around down here in the "woods" that you never hear, that would, can and do work wonders with a baseball.

Steel-Arm John Taylor, who will be with Leland's Chicago Giants this season, is here and will start to conditioning himself this week.

The Acme Grays, formerly the Birmingham Giants, are anxious to hear from all clubs for dates at home or abroad. Address C. Taylor, corner Center St. and Cove Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

LELAND GIANTS CLUB IN COURT.

Stockholders Ask Receiver for Colored Organization, Charging It May Be Made Insolvent.

A bill asking that a receiver be appointed for the Leland Giants Baseball and Amusement Association was filed in the Circuit Court March 1 by five stockholders, who set fort that if the directors of the company pay $10,000 to Beauregard F. Moseley, secretary and treasurer, who claims this amount is due him for services rendered, it will be made insolvent.

The bill sets forth that on October 15, 1907, the association was reorganized with a capital stock of $100,000 and that subsequently the board of directors made a report to the secretary of State that 5,707 shares of the capital stock had been paid for in full. This statement, the bill recites, was false.

It is also stated that after the association had been organized Moseley and John H. Bolden, a director and one of the defendants, "intruded" and held almost exclusive management of the baseball exhibition which the bill states up to September 30, 1908, received $14,091.15. It is also charged in the bill that the board of directors are "creatures" of Moseley and are entirely under his control. It is claimed that the board of directors have permitted Moseley to charge 9 per cent. of the gross receipts as salary, which the bill declares is exhorbitant and unreasonable.

The petitioners ask that the board of directors be restrained from paying the claim of $10,000 to Moseley and that a receiver be appointed and the association dissolved.

READY FOR ALL COMERS.

The Pahucah baseball club announces that it is ready for all comers, and will accept any challenges. The members of the club are:

Louie Thomas, ss.
Larry Rodgers, 3b.
George Head, 2b.
Frank Boyd, 1b.
Pearl Head, lf.
Charles Walker, p.
George Boyd, cf.
Penn Grogan, rf.
James Arrington, c.
Walter Washington, p.
Herman Hale, p.
Charles H. Hale, mgr.

Address Charles H. Hale, mgr., 1311 W. Madison St., Paducah, Ky.

READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Terre Haute Eclipse has organized and would like the arrange games with the A. B. C.'s of Indianapolis and the Hoster Giants of Kokomo, and any other team in the tate. Address Eclipse aloon, 1630 S. 13th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

JESSE BRISCOE.

Jesse Briscoe is one of Louisville's Cubs. Last year he played big league ball in the left garden. He has a way of starting with the ball, is a good judge and makes very few errors. Briscoe's batting and general playing was a great factor in the great record of the Louisville Cubs of 1909.

There have been seventy-two lynchings in the United States this year—eleven whites and fifty-nine Negroes. Fourteen States took part in the year of 1909, as follows: Georgia, 11; Texas, 11; Florida, 8; Louisiana, 7; Mississippi, 7; Alabama, 6; Oklahoma, 5; Kentucky, 4; South Carolina, 3; Arkansas, 4; Illinois, 2; New Mexico, 2; Missouri, 1; West Virginia, 1.

LOUISVILLE CUBS RECORD FOR 1909.

The following are the games won and lost during 1909:

Hoffman Blues	3	Louisville Cubs	9
White Socks	7	Louisvil'e Cubs	4
Waldorfs of Cincinnati	4	Louisville Cubs	12
Tastells of Terre Haute	0	Louisville Cubs	7
Royals of Cincinnati	2	Louisville Cubs	8
White Sox of Indianapolis	2	Louisville Cubs	9
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	1	Louisville Cubs	2
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	2	Louisville Cubs	3
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	2	Louisville Cubs	8
N'ckdos of Evansville	3	Louisville Cubs	15
Cincy's of Cleveland	5	Louisville Cubs	9
Cincy's of Cleveland	5	Louisville Cubs	5
Cubian Stars	5	Louisville Cubs	0
Cubian Stars	2	Louisville Cubs	1
Nashville, Tenn., Giants	1	Louisville Cubs	5
Nashville, Tenn., Giants	7	Louisville Cubs	6
Nashville, Tenn., Giants	1	Louisville Cubs	17
High Arks of Cinc'nnati	0-0	Louisville Cubs	8
Jeffersonville Reds	3	Louisville Cubs	9
Cincy's of Cleveland	010	Louisville Cubs	4
Cincy's of Cleveland	2	Louisville Cubs	2
Indianapolis Reserves	2	Louisville Cubs	11
West Baden	6	Louisville Cubs	7
West Baden	1	Louisville Cubs	3
West Baden	1	Louisville Cubs	4
B'rmingham, Ala., Giants	3	Louisville Cubs	5
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	6	Louisville Cubs	11
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	9	Louisville Cubs	7
Eagles of New Orleans	5	Louisville Cubs	11
Eagles of New Orleans	2	Louisville Cubs	12
Eagles of New Orleans	3	Louisville Cubs	8
St. Louis Giants	4	Louisville Cubs	7
St. Louis Giants	2	Louisville Cubs	12
Cincy's of Cleveland	4	Louisville Cubs	9
Cincy's of Cleveland	5	Lou'sville Cubs	14
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	4	Louisville Cubs	0
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	1	Louisville Cubs	3
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	5	Louisville Cubs	1
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	4	Louisville Cubs	7
Memphis Giants	0	Louisville Cubs	3
West Baden, Ind.	7	Louisville Cubs	1
West Baden, Ind.	4	Louisville Cubs	5
West Baden, Ind.	7	Louisvil'e Cubs	3
Birmingham, Ala., Giants	4	Louisville Cubs	2
At Birmingham—Rain.			
At Birmingham—Rain.			
A. B. C.'s	4	Louisville Cubs	5
A. B. C.'s	3	Louisville Cubs	6
A. B. C.'s	5	Louisville Cubs	9
All Stars, Cinc'nnati	0	Louisville Cubs	9
All Stars, Cincinnati	6	Louisville Cubs	7
All Stars, Cincinnati	4	Louisville Cubs	6
All Stars, Cincinnati	9	Louisville Cubs	1
Cherokee Indians	5	Louisville Cubs	7
All Professional, Louisville	7	Louisville Cubs	2
Nebraska Indians	1	Louisville Cubs	2
Nebraska Indians	0	Lou'sville Cubs	4
All Professional, Louisville	1	Louisville Cubs	6
All Professional, Louisville	5	Louisville Cubs	9
All Professional, Louisville	0	Louisville Cubs	10
French Lick, Ind.	4	Louisville Cubs	2
French Lick, Ind.	6	Louisville Cubs	8
French Lick, Ind.	6	Louisville Cubs	4

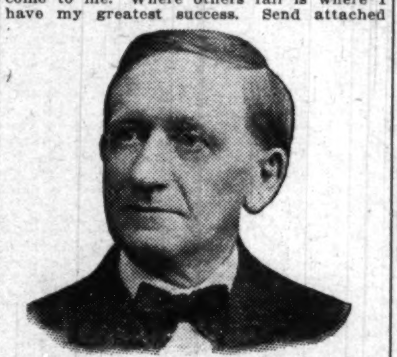
Don't Wear A Truss

After Thirty Years' xperience I Have Produced An Appliance for Men, Women or Children That Cures Rupture.

I Send It On Trial.

If you have tried most everything else, come to me. Where others fail is where I have my greatest success. Send attached coupon today and I will send free my illustrated book on Rupture and its cure showing my Appliance and giving you prices and names of many people who have tried it and were cured. It is instant relief when all others fail. Remember I use no salves no harness no lies.

I send on trial to prove what I say is true. You are the judge and once having seen my illustrated book and read it you will be as enthusiastic as my hundreds of patients whose letters you can also read. Fill out free coupon below and mail today. It's well worth your time whether you try my Appliance or not.



The above is C. E. Brooks of Marshall, Mich. who has been curing Rupture for over 30 years. If Ruptured write him to-day.

FREE INFORMATION COUPON.

C. E. Brooks 2734 Brooks Bldg. Marshall, Mich.

Please send me by mail in plain wrapper your illustrated book and full information about your Appliance for the cure of rupture.

Name ....

Address ....

City .... State..........

"QUICK DELIVERY" OUR MOTTO

S. HARTMAN DISTILLING CO.

Established 1857.

210 Upper Third St., Evansville, Ind.

SPECIAL OFFER OF

50 Short Pints Whisky, express prepaid, $11; 24 Short Quarts Whisky, express, prepaid, $10.

Hartman's Old Private Stock, $10 per case, (12 full qts.) express prepaid.

Spring Lake, 12 full qts., $10 per case, express prepaid.

All these bottled in bond, 4 full qts. $3.75, express prepaid.

Hartman's Tennessee Whisky, 4 full qts. $3, express prepaid.

$3.50 RECIPE CURES WEAK MEN—FREE

SEND NAME AND ADDRESS TODAY —YOU CAN HAVE IT FREE AND BE STRONG AND VIGOROUS.

I have in my possession a prescription for nervous debility, lack of vigor, weakened manhood, failing memory and lame back, brought on by excesses, unnatural drains, or the follies of youth, that has cured so many worn and nervous men right in their own homes—without any additional help or medicine—that I think every man who wishes to regain his manly power and virility, quickly and quietly, should have a copy. So I have determined to send a copy of the prescription free of charge, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope to any man who will write me for it.

This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3331 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid recipe in a plain ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but I send it entirely free.

ERTEL'S LOAN OFFICE.

Diamond and Money Broker

Money advanced on Watches, Diamonds and Articles of Value.

209 Mass. Ave., Indianapolis

The New Savoy Bar

—AND CAFE—

First class line of Wines, Liquors, Cigars and Tobaccos. Headquarters of the I. B. P. O. Elks

WILLIAM ROBERTS, Prop.

Scip Williams, Manager.

440 Indiana Ave. New Phone 5286.

Boys Exchange Buffet

A full line of Wines, Liquors and Cigars always on hand. Business Lunch. Good service and courteous treatment to all. When out for a good time, stop in.

Brutus Owens, Prop.,

438 Indiana Ave. Indianapolis, Ind.

Hindel's Buffets,

551 Indiana Ave.

Choice Foreign and Domestic Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

Hindel Brothers.

Milshire Gin,

IN BOTTLS.

Call for it and INSIST upon getting it.

GOOD AS THE

IMPORTED.

AT ALL FIRST CEASS BARS.

DO YOU KNOW

that you can save from 75 to 100 per cent. on all household goods bought of

WILLIAM H. BARON

dealer in new and second hand goods. It costs you nothing to inspect my stock. Always something on hand that is the very thing you need. Special bargains to young married couples. New phone 5407. 353 Indiana Ave. 223 West Vermont street.

OPPORTUNITY, OPPORTUNITY

Colored people can save money by sending for our illustrated catalogue containing the latest standard goods and novelties. This is an opportunity for you. Send your name and address to William A. Crawford, Secretary The Peerless Supply Co., 17 W. 136th St., New York City. Dept. J.

SANTAL-MIDY

Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhœa and Runnings IN 48 HOURS. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

MIDY

Bar-Keeper's Friend
Metal Polish
AN INFALLIBLE UP-TO-DATE ARTICLE
USED BY MORE PEOPLE THAN ALL OTHER METAL POLISHES COMBINED

One pound boxes 25 cents, at all druggists and dealers.

METAL POLISH

Write us for a **Free Sample** Pride of the Bar Room Powder Polish. You'll never know why **until** you try it. Manufactured by the

Harvey Chemical Co.,

La Fayette, Ind.

Chicago office 95 Washington street. Phone, Randolph, 1751.

Indianapolis office 32 South Meridian street. New Phone 5886.

Willett's Pies,

"Theyre Different"

Ask your Grocer and at Restaurants.

Willett's Pie Co. Both Phones

1414-16 N. Senate Avenue.

WHERE THE FREEMAN CAN BE FOUND IN NEW YORK CITY.

Frank Jackson, 340 W. 41st street; B. Rosenbaum, 568 Seventh street; C. J. Gary, 131 W. 53d street; Robert Shields, 228 W. 4st street, and James J. Lahey, southeast corner 28th and 6th avenue.

Drink "TUDOR,"

THAT GOOD WHISKY.

On Sale at Greathouse's Sample Room.

The *Louisville Cubs*

Would like to hear from all first class Base Ball Clubs. Address William Stringer, 224 West Green Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

A HOME SHOULD BE THE FIRST THOUGHT!

Every honest man should own one. If you are going to build, we can save you money.

Our splendid facilities enable us to quote lowest prices. If you are about to build, let us show you how to save some money.

Brannum-Keene Lumber Co.

Phone, Main, 7766.

HOOSIER POET

Club Room Londres,

10 Cent Cigar.

We deliver goods direct to consumers and pay all express charges. Give us a Trial Order.

John Rauch Cigar Co. - Indianapolis, Ind

Women Will Eventually Vote

for GLYCO-IOLINE, the marvelous home treatment for loucorrhoea or whites and kindred diseases peculiar to women. GLYCO-IOLINE can be used in the privacy of the home and makes unnecessary the disagreeable questioning and examination so universally insisted upon by doctors and so abhorrent to every modest women. It acts directly on the organs distinctly feminine. Write for pamphlet giving full information.

GLYCO-IOLINE CO., - CHICAGO, ILL.

The Ayres Bulletin

NEW TAILORED WAISTS.

Two styles of waists, both tailored; of linen, with plaited fronts and laundered collars and cuffs; beautifully tailored. Exceptional values at $2 and $2.50.

Tailored silk waists, new styles, plain tailored or novel effects; of taffeta, messaline and foulard; in plain colors, checks, stripes dots and figures; the shades in harmony with the prevailing suit colors. The shepherd checks are prominent and promise to be immensely popular. An early selection of these is advisable. Prices $5, $.75 and upward.

Soft-finished batiste waists, daintily trimmed in lace insertions, medallions and embroideries. Long sleeves and high neck, four different styles, at $2.19.
Third floor, centre.

L. S Ayres & Co.,
Indiana's Greatest Distributors
of Dry Goods.

CITY AND SOCIETY

GET THE HABIT.

Read The Freeman—Religious, Political, Stage, Sport, and all other news. On sale at your news dealer or agent every Saturday.

Mrs. Lizzie Venable has recovered from a recent illness.

Robert Jackson, poet and artist, of Chicago, Ill., is in the ctiy.

John Stewart, headwaiter at the Claypool Hotel, continues ill.

The Sumner League Club has moved into new quarters in West Michigan street.

May I have the pleasure of your company to the Easter Monday promenade, March 28?

You must not miss the event of the season at Tomlinson Hall, Easter Monday evening, March 28.

The Daffodil Embroidery Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. McDonald, in Arsenal avenue.

Dreamy music, pretty girls, dignified matrons and gallant gentlemen at Tomlinson Hall, Easter Monday night.

Rufus Wilson, of Cincinnati, is in the city for an indefinite stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

The affair? Eastern Promenade. When? Monday night, March 28. Where? Tomlinson Hall. Are we going? Yes.

Revival services in progress at Simpson Chapel. Rev. C. Efl Alexander, of Barnes Chapel, is assisting in the meeting.

Mrs. Mary A. Hawkins, of this city, and Mr. Harry Banks Ross, of Bluefield, W. Va., were married in that city February 15.

Misses Emma and Cora Carter were hostesses to a party of friends at tea, Sunday evening, in honor of Miss Roberta Murdock.

Call Dr. James R. Norrell, 932 Indiana avenue; office hours, 9 to 11 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 5 to 8 p. m. Phones, New 5865K, Old Main 6971.

Mr. George L. Knox is recovering from a several days' illness. Mrs. Knox, who has been ill for the past several months, is improving slowly.

Miss Maude Turner and Mrs. Marie Bailey, of Williams and Walker's Chocolate Drops, were the guests of Mrs. Kathryn Harper this week.

There will be an Easter promenade at Tomlinson Hall, Easter Monday night, for the benefit of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church. Admission, 35 cents.

Mrs. Harry Jones entertained at breakfast, Sunday morning, in honor of Miss Roberta Murdock, who left Tuesday for California for permanent residence.

Richard Jackson, formerly of this city, was here this week, en route from New Albany, Ind., where he visited his father, to his present residence at Chicago. Mr. Jackson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McAfee.

Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, assistant superintendent of the Washington, D. C., public schools, attended the superintendents' meeting in this city last week. Prof. Bruce addressed the colored teachers of the city Thursday evening of last week.

The joint committee of the Knights of Pythias and Calanthe Courts of the city will meet Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at Manon Lodge, Castle Hall, to make arrangements for the annual sermon, which takes place Sunday, March 28.

Conference Rally Day at Simpson Chapel, Sunday. Dr. B. J. Prince, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, will preach at 3 p. m., and his famous choir, led by Prof. Austin, will sing. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and all will be made welcome. Every member of Simpson is earnestly requested to be at his post.

Call Dr. James R. Norrell, 1322 North Senate avenue; office hours, 8 to 9 a. m., 1 to 2 p. m., 4 to 5 p. m., 8 to 10 p. m. Phones, New 2962K. Old Main 6943.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Judge James A. Collins, of the City Police Court, is to be the speaker at the Monster Meeting which is conducted by the Colored Young Men's Christian Association. This meeting will be held in Mt. Zion Baptist Church, corner West Twelfth and Fayette streets, at 3 p. m., Sunday. Judge Collins is a man who has faith in men, and should be heard by all men. This meeting is for men only. The requests have been so numerous for the meetings to move from place to place that the board of directors have consented to change, and this Sunday the meeting will be held at Mount Zion; Sunday, March 20, at Bethel, ending March 27 with a great Easter offering at Second Baptist. Strong speakers have been secured for all of these meetings—Judge Collins at Mount Zion, A. H. Godard, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Bethel, and Bishop Geo. W. Blackwell at Second Baptist. Judge Collins' subject will be "A New Work for Men." Special program by the orchestra and glee club.

Billy Knox, Tailor
60—On the Circle—60
Suits to Order
$18.00, $20.00
$22.00
Order now—Get First Choice
Easter only four weeks away.

Everything New

Lowest Prices in the City

KNOX
The Tailor,
60—On the Circle—60

JONES TABERNACLE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Rev. Henry J. Callis, Pastor.

The Easter exercises to be given by the Sunday school bid fair to be the best we have ever had. The superintendent, Rev. T. A. Henderson, and the teachers are sparing no pains to present a very enjoyable program.

The Easter music to be rendered by the choir for both morning and evening service is of a high order. Our choir, under Chorister J. Francis Johnson, and Miss Edith Finley, organist, are doing some hard work for a perfect rendition.

The Jubilee Concert next Friday evening, to be given by the old Southland Sextette, of Detroit, Mich., will be the best opportunity to hear superb jubilee singing this season.

The pastor's subject for Sunday, 10:45 a. m., will be "Blessings from the Trials of a Christian Life;" 7:30 p. m., "Temporal Rewards for Christian Service." Sunday school at 12:45.

The various committees are busily engaged preparing for the carnival, which opens April 4.

COUNTY CLERK CANDIDATE.

Mr. Asher W. Gray, well and favorably known in the city and county, a member of the popular firm of Gray, Gribben & Gray, jewelers, this city, is a candidate for county clerk, subject to the Republican primary. Mr. Gray has now an enviable reputation as a business man, and has had for the past twenty-three years, and is known to be on the "level" in all his dealings with everybody. Mr. Gray will be suppirted by his many friends.

WANTED—A WIFE.

I am a man of about 55 years of age, a railroad man, with a really good position. I have three small children, from about three years to six years. I want to correspond with a woman of about forty or forty-five years, and without children; want her to take care of my children and be a companion to me and them.

A. PRIEST,
1312 Davis Ave., Laredo, Tex.

WAITERS' CLUB AND CAFE.

In the Heart of the Business District.

Don't fail to look in on the splendidly located, well appointed Waiters' Club and cafe; nothing like it in the city. The traveling public can not afford to miss it. Special attention given to after-theater parties, banquets and Sunday dinners. service the very best at reasonable prices. Eugene Armstrong, president; Joseph Holman, manager, 340 Indiana avenue. New phone 3992; Old phone, 7579.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Woodbine Perfume. Oh how fragrant, exquisite, enchanting, bewitching. Only at Blodau's Drug Store.

Kuykendall & Huffman, dentists, 359½ Indiana avenue. Expert crown, plate and bridge work. New phone 5067.

The Electric Comb. Best on the market. Straightens the kinkiest hair in five minutes. Retail price, $1.25. Agents wanted. Electric Comb Manufacturing Company, 1706 East Tenth, Kansas City, Mo.

Phone your wants to us. We call for and deliver prescriptions. Anything ordered by phone will be selected as carefully as if you called in person. No extra charges. Gauld's Pharmacy. New 1178; Old, Main 4032.

Any one wanting a reliable hair pomade should try Ford's. Its use so softens kinky or curly hair that it can be put up in any style desired consistent with its length, as long as the pomade remains in the hair. For further information see advertisement, "Ford's Hair Pomade," in this paper.

Unincumbered widower, well educated, with good trade, forty years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, perfectly healthy and strong, complexion brown, disposition fine, would like to correspond with some woman of wealth, between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, with matrimonial intention. Widows not barred. To insure reply, all communications must be accompanied by photos. Address this office.

CARRIE GILBERT.
With Lowery-Morgan Minstrels at Tomlinson's Hall, Monday Night, March 14.

CHICAGO, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

The services of the A. M. E. Zion Church, last Sunday, were largely attended all day. The Rev. G. B. Shaw, presiding elder of the district, delivered an able sermon on "Witnesses for Jesus," and before he had gotten to the point where he could name the witnesses on earth at this present time, the Spirit had brooded over the congregation and many were rejoicing and praising God, so much so that he was compelled to discontinue until some future day. The afternoon service was equally interesting. The evening service was the crowning point of the whole day. The congregation was enveloped in song. Both the regular church choir and revival choir rendered beautiful songs of praise, and together with the solo, "How Can I Look on Calvary's Cross?" sang by Rev. J. B. Colbert, was captivating and uplifting, and sent a wave of enthusiasm over the audience....Both the Wayman Chapel and St. Stephen's choirs have assisted Rev. W. H. Robinson in singing God's praise in the recent revival held at Walters Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church. The revival services closed Thursday night, with many souls converted, reclaimed and revived. Rev. Robinson and his daughter are expected to hold a revival at Quinn Chapel following the close of this service. ....The midwinter picnic given by the Standard Literary of Bethesda Baptist Church, Monday evening, March 7, was largely attended, as had been anticipated. Those who attended spent a very delightful evening. After a while summer will be here, and the picnics will be accompanied with sunshine and flowers.....Miss Irene Hawkins, who was taken suddenly ill last week, has convalesced and is able to resume her former duties....Miss Hallie Q. Brown is expected to visit the city soon. The Wilberforcean Circle should arouse to welcome her....The club women of Chicago are mire than usually active in the wake of the National Federation of Clubs to meet in Louisville, Ky.... Dr. Katherine Crawford, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who recently passed through Chicago, writes that she is greatly pleased with the far West....Mrs. Phoebe Heron and her little son, who have been in Chicago all winter, have moved to Oak Forest, Ill., for the coming season....Mrs. O. Hudson, who recently lost her home in Blue Island, Ill., by fire, has finally succeeded in rebuilding, and will make arrangements to move out, temporarily, this week....Arrangements are being made to hold the memorial services for Mrs. Ella Scott, whose spirit is now in the land of the blessed, at the Masonic Hall, Thirty-ninth and State streets....Miss H. Georgianna Whyte, one of St. Louis' popular teachers, is taking a much needed rest from the school room, but is actively pushing the interest of Mound Bayou, Miss., oil mill and bank stock at her Chicago office.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

The drill at Galilee Baptist Church, Tuesday night, was a most interesting feature to those who gathered there to witness it. The judges gave the gentlemen the decision over the ladies, and a howl of disapproval went up by many who were for justice and right. A neat sum was realized for the new church fund. ....The "smart set" of St. Paul M. E. Church is cleaning up in the money-getting on their church fund, which is a pleasure to the citizens, who like to see these young people engaged in the character building which helps to save so many of those who would be classed among the thugs and toughs of the city....The men's meeting at New Hope Baptist Church continues to grow in numbers and in interest to men from all parts of the city.... W. L. Dixon, the founder of an orphans' home at Gilmer, is visiting at many points in the State in the interest of the home, asking for aid, and is meeting with a ready response by many....A. J. Temple, of the State of Oklahoma, spent several days here in the interest of his real estate colonization. Many of our people see the great movement of home buying and Negro colonization and money saving as the backbone of our race. Mr. Temple is no stranger to Texas, and is welcome at all times....A committee of Odd Fellows, members of Lodge No. 3134, served luncheon to their members Tuesday night, at the hall, and had a joyful time. Ed Winn came in for a big share, owing to the fact that he and a well-known widow had just been married, and are at home to their friends on Flora street....The officers and members of Evening Chapel are cleaning up so as to have a financial rally on the third Sunday in March, and it is hoped by them and their friends that it will be a success, as they know no failure there, as right will ever triumph....Mr. Charlie Harris, of the Church of God, died and was buried from that church Tuesday. A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends followed the remains to the cemetery.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to The Freeman:

Willis Collins and Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Charles Jackson, Miss Mamie Hearth, Augustus Marshal, Frank Conway, Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Richards are doing nicely. ....Frank Hall, of North avenue, injured his ankle on his way home Tuesday.... John Holmes, Jr., received word last week from Titusville, of the death of Mrs. Minnie Gayton. The deceased was well known in this city....Buckeye Lodge, No. 73, Improved B. P. O. E. of the World, initiated a class of twenty members at the meeting held in Resch Hall, Tuesday evening. James Simons, known in the vaudeville world as Baby Jim, and said to be the largest man in the profession, and his brother William were initiated into the mysteries of the order. John Clark, Arch Thomas, G. M. Fagon, George Ridout, George Thornly, William Saunders, Joe Hill, Richard Smith, Thad Wilson, Thomas Robinson and Harry Hicks were the leading members of the degree team. A banquet was served in the lodge's club rooms in the G. A. R. building, under the management of Archie Thomas and J. H. Bobson. George Ridout was toastmaster. Lindsay orchestra, of Pittsburg, rendered the music. Visiting members present: Uly Craig, of Newark, O.; William Jones and William Palmer, of Uniontown, Pa.; Frank Jackson, of Saegertown, Pa.... Mrs. Bell Ford and Mr. Dodd are on the sick list, and also James Baker....Miss Mayme Smith is able to be out again.... Rev. S. C. Honesty, of Bridgewater, Pa., was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Franklin, and son, Wm. Honesty, last week....Mrs. Robert Woods, of Cleveland, was the guest of her father, J. H. Smith, last week....Christ. Hamilton is on the sick list....Miss Octavia Lother, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her brother, Charles Lother....The rally at the Oak Hill Avenue Church, Sunday, was well attended, and at this writing Mrs Hattie Harper, captain, had $57, and Mrs. Lacey, captain, $50, and much credit is given to the ladies for their work....The different churches held regular services Sunday, and they were well attended.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Special to The Freeman.

Peter Ogden's Day celebration of all the branches of the Order of the G. U. O. of Odd Fellows was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, North Michigan avenue, March 1, M. V. P. Benj. Ray, of Pacific Lodge, chairman. Members of all the households were among the speakers. P. N. F. J. W. Folks, supervisor of Pacific Lodge, was the speaker of the evening. Music for the occasion was rendered by Prof. Wm. Thomas's orchestra....Miss Mary B. Harkins, our fashionable dressmaker, has recovered from her recent serious illness. ....Contractor Brown has finished the city's contract with credit. He was the lowest bidder for repainting all the street lamps....Lawyer W. W. Noland, of New York, is sojourning in the city by the sea for a brief stay as the guest of Rev. Gregory, pastor of our largest church....The much-talked-of million-dollar station of the Pennsylvania Railroad is revived again. Property on Atlantic avenue opposite the selected site was sold last week for $125,000 cash....Atlantic City is now making great preparation for the Easter rush, and with the shoreward rush this Saturday accommodation at the favorite beach-front hotels will be taken....The city, by condemnation proceedings, has acquired for public park purposes the large beach front of the Windsor and Bowker property. This ground when improved will give to the queen resort a larger boardwalk, two grand public pavilions and a recreation park....Bring your business to the eyes of the public by calling or sending your ads to the local office of the Indianapolis Freeman, A. E. Edwards Publishing Company, 1908 Arctic avenue, phone 19n8 Coast.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Special to The Freeman.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Dr. O. T. Fields were held last Friday, at 1 p. m., in the Union Memorial Church, of which he was a member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Abbott, and Rev. M. W. Dogan, president of Wiley University. The great auditorium of the church was filled with the many friends of the dead physician. Several papers were read upon the Doctor's life as a citizen and physician. The floral tributes by his many admirers completely covered the casket....Attorney T. W. Sherron, one of our brilliant young lawyers, is meeting with much success in the real estate business....The efforts of Madame Azalia Hackley in encouraging vocal talent are meeting with much success....The young folks of Quinn Chapel Christian Endeavor are preparing to give a drama on March 25....Prof. E. N. Newsome has just opened his new business college at the True Reformers' Hall.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to The Freeman.

The friends of Mrs. P. F. Mills are pleased that she is able to mingle with them again....Mrs. A. M. Douglas, who has been very ill, is able to be up again. ....Mrs. J. E. Sheppard is out again, after illness for the past week....A. C. Wingate is out of danger, after a recent accident....The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ford was laid to rest last Wednesday evening....The Merry Makers were royally entertained last evening by Mr. Alfred Lucas....The school at Big Bayou, taught by Mrs. S. E. Borras, closed last Monday night with a public demonstration by the school....Mrs. Irene Green, her two little boys and her sister, left the city several days ago, as we learn, for some part of the West....Mrs. Sterling Williams, of San Antonio, Tex., is here visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. Alex. Williams, and wife....On Friday, the second Lord's day in March, the Women's Home, Foreign and Educational Convention will convene in their third quarterly meeting, with St. John the Baptist Church, Warrington, Rev. E. L. Simpson....The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. May, sister of Mrs. Eugene Ware and Mr. Richard Stalworth, took place last Sunday.

THE GRAND LEADER
336-338-340 EAST WASHINGTON ST.

Suits for Women, of French serges and panamas, jacket is full satin lined, 32 inches long, notch or shawl-roll collar, plaited skirt, regular $16.75 values, Easter price..............$12.85

Suits for Women, of stripe or plain panamas, satin lined jacket, plain tailored or trimmed in in silk braid, has plaited skirt, in a variety of spring shades, regular $15.00 qualities, Easter price..............$10.95

Suits for Misses or Juniors, of fancy worsteds or panamas, in a variety of colors, up to $10.00 qualities, Easter price....$5.95

$1.50 Waists 98c—White lingerie or lawn waists, button front or back, choice at.....98c

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

FOR SALE.

The genuine Carter's Rheumatic Remedy sent by mail on receipt of price 50 cts (stamps) Has cured others; will cure you. Address R.P. Blodau, druggest, Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTED

An organizer for the Afro-American Order of Owls. For particulars, write G. W. Bland, Oliver Hotel, South Bend, Ind.

"SLOW, but sure," is a fine motto for the workingman, mechanic, professional man, in fact for every man and woman who believe in saving money. There is no better or safer method than a savings account with this

STRONG COMPANY

the largest and strongest in the State. Your account, large or small, welcome. Today is the time to make the start.

One million dollars capital, every dollar paid in, and five hundred thousand dollars surplus, every cent earned, is pledged to you to make good our promise.

THE INDIANA TRUST CO.,
(A Home for Savings.)

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

The birthday party of Miss Lula Yarbrough, Saturday evening, was quite an enjoyable affair....O. L. Sherrod, of Birmingham, is in the city this week, visiting his brother, Earnest Sherrod....Mrs. W. J. Worthy, of Mobile, Ala., who was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Tisdle, left for her home last week....Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Pogue, of Noblesville, Ind., are the guests of Mrs. Icy Strong....J. W. Thompson has returned from Nashville, where he has been for several days, in the interest of his insurance business....Mrs. J. W. Jennings, G. D. of the Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection, will be in the city in her work to set up a new lodge, and wishes to call the attention of the patrons, that may expect her at an early date....The Glee Club will give a grand concert Monday night, the 14th, at the C. M. E. Church.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to The Freeman.

A Negro business and professional directory has just been compiled by J. Bliss White, of 213 East Ninth street....A visit was made by The Freeman's local representative to the Green Orphanage, which is located at No. 10 Congress street. Mrs. Green, who was the founder of this institution, has at present in her care and keeping about twenty-seven little children, from the most tiny infant upwards. For four years she has been laboring among our people, caring for the unfortunate and making a home for the friendless. Many will remember her as the director of the Little Jubilee Singers, who recently made successful tours of the Middle West. She most respectfully solicits aid from any who may choose to contribute to this worthy cause....Chattanooga now can coast of another enterprise added to the many colored enterprises of the city. The Pioneer Realty Company, an incorporated concern, has recently been organized. The company expects to invest in real estate on a very large scale. Some of the stanchest business and professional men are interested in the company.

PERU, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The social given at the A. M. E. Church for the benefit of the choir was a success. ....Mr. Henry Moss and Mrs. Mattie Palmar, of Chicago, are visiting relatives.... Miss Alice Moss, Miss Nellie Jackson and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor are improving after severe illness....Rev. C. Jackson gave a candy pulling Wednesday evening at the parsonage....The Sunday school is progressing nicely....Alex. Taylor is organist at Bethel Church; Miss Dora Green, soloist.

PARIS, KY.

Mrs. Minnie Steil, of Georgetown, is the guest of Rev. Mrs. Quales....Mrs. Lillia Clay, of Lexington, is a guest of Mrs. J. C. Groves....Mrs. Sallie Picket, of Cynthiana, en route to Frankfort, stopped off with Mrs. J. C. Gatewood....Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Toledo, O., are with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brook, who are suffering with pneumonia....Uncle Ike Brock's funeral was held at the First Baptist Church, Sunday. Elder Webster officiated....Miss Lindsay Calman, of Cynthiana, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Clemons, last week.

GEO. E. KEITH COMPANY
TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT OFF

WALK OVER SHOES
For Men and Women.
All the Latest Creations for Spring and Summer Wear.
Hutchinson's
WALK OVER BOOT SHOP
28 North Pennsylvania Street

Have you ordered YOUR Gas Range?

Don't forget that The Indianapolis Gas Co. will help you to have a good Gas Range.

A "Perfect" or "Vulcan"

$2 is all you have to pay down. The balance can easily be paid by monthly payments.

Come in and see the newest Gas Ranges.

THE INDIANAPOLIS GAS COMPANY
(The OLD Gas Co.)
45 South Penna. street.

Here's Real Comfort for You

Nothing is quite so luxurious as a good night's rest on

PURITAN
"REST EASY" DOUBLE DECK SPRINGS

They cost you but $15 00, and after sleeping on them you would not sell them for twice what you paid. Sold by all Furniture Dealers.

Absolutely Guaranteed

MADE BY
Puritan Bed Spring Co.

Eggs for Hatching { Utility Stock or Exhibition Stock.
Prices on application—all Breeds. Ducks, too.
INCUBATORS & BROODERS, THE PRIZE WINNING PETALUMA.
Baby Chicks—chick and hen feeds.
Poultry Supplies
Feeds, Medicines, Tonics, Lice Powder, Appliances.
Petaluma Incubator Company,
147 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Come in or phone us.

Sumner League
Minstrel and Promenade
TOMLINSON HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 31ST.
This will be one of the greatest entertainments ever given by that
POPULAR ORGANIZATION.